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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Grand Commandery Knights Templar

OF

PENNSYLVANIA,

TO WHICH IS APPENDED THE

CONSTITUTION, RULES AND EDICTS

OF THE

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF

PENNSYLVANIA,

REVISED AND ADOPTED MAY 30, 1877:

WITH

FORM OF BY-LAWS, FORMS, AND THE CEREMONIES AT THE CONSTITUTION OF NEW COMMANDERIES AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS, CONSECRATION OF ASYLUM, UNIFORM OF KNIGHT TEMPLAR, BURIAL SERVICE OF KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

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PREAMBLE.

HISTORY.

THE Knights Templar of the State of Pennsylvania date their chartered origin from May 12th, 1797, when the FIRST Grand Encampment in the United States was established in the city of Philadelphia, by Encampments Nos. 1 and 2, of said city, No. 3 of Harrisburg, and No. 4, of Carlisle, whose respective organizations took place in the years 1794, 1795, and 1796, under Lodge (Free and Accepted Masons) charters and in accordance with the ancient regulations.

On the 16th of February, 1814, the Grand Encampment was reconstructed, and a further organization was effected by the addition of subordinate Encampments from the States of New York, Delaware, and Maryland, under the title of the "Pennsylvania Grand Encampment, with Masonic jurisdiction thereunto belonging," which suspended labors in 1824.

On the 20th of June, 1816, the General Grand Encampment of the United States was organized; and it being a general Grand body, Grand and subordinate Encampments placed themselves under its jurisdiction, with a view of having a complete Templar union.

Prior to the 12th of April, 1854, the Knights Templar of Pennsylvania were governed by subordinate Encampments, their charters emanating respectively from the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Penn-

sylvania, or the General Grand Encampment of the United States.

Under the *former* were St. John's Encampment, No. 4, deriving its charter from the Grand Encampment of 1814, and instituted June 8th, 1819; Philadelphia, No. 5, May 25th, 1849; Union, No. 6, May 10th, 1855—all of the city of Philadelphia; and De Molay, No. 7, of Reading, February 7th, 1854.

Under the latter there existed Pittsburg Encampment, No. 1, of Pittsburg, instituted May 13th, 1847; Jacques De Molay, No. 2, of Washington, Pa., under date of September 12th, 1849; St. Omer's, No. 3, of Brownville (originally of Uniontown), dated September, 1853; and Hubbard Encampment, *under dispensation*, at Waynesburg, dated November 10th, 1851.

The State of Pennsylvania being thus occupied by subordinate encampments, deriving their charters from two lawfully constituted authorities — the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons and the General Grand Encampment. Two Grand Encampments were organized by these subordinates; the latter on April 12th, 1854, and the former on May 10th, 1854. These two powerful bodies, after calmly considering the good which could be accomplished by a union in acts of charity and beneficence, each appointed Committees of Conference, who met in Philadelphia on February 12th, 1857, and, after a mutual exchange of opinions, the supremacy of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States was acknowledged and proclaimed by the Most Eminent Sir W. B. Hubbard, General Grand Master, on June 1st, 1857.

The present Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania was formed on April 12, 1857.

The GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR and Appendant Orders of the State of PENNSYLVANIA do make and ordain the following Constitution and Statutes for the future regulation and government of this Grand Commandery, the several commanderies subordinate thereto, and the Orders of Knighthood conferred therein.

Adopted at Reading, at its Nineteenth Annual Conclave, this 12th day of June, A.D. 1872; A. O. 754; A. O. E. P. 75.

Revised and amended at Lancaster, at the Twenty-fourth Annual Conclave, this 30th day of May, A.D. 1877; A. O. 759; A. O. E. P. 80; and ordered to be printed for the use of the members.

WILLIAM HENRY EGLE, M.D.,
Grand Commander.

CHARLES E. MEYER,
Grand Recorder.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ARTICLE I.

OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

SECTION 1. This body shall be styled THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF PENNSYLVANIA.

SEC. 2. The Grand Commandery consists of the following members, and rank in the following order, viz.:

I. The Right Eminent Grand Commander.
II. The Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.
III. The Eminent Grand Generalissimo.
IV. The Eminent Grand Captain-General.
V. The Eminent Grand Prelate.
VI. The Eminent Grand Senior Warden.
VII. The Eminent Grand Junior Warden.
VIII. The Eminent Grand Treasurer.
IX. The Eminent Grand Recorder.
X. The Eminent Grand Standard Bearer.
XI. The Eminent Grand Sword Bearer.
XII. The Eminent Grand Warder.
XIII. The Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard.

LIKEWISE,

XIV. All Past Grand Commanders and Past Grand Masters.

XV. All Past Deputy Grand Commanders and Past Deputy Grand Masters.

XVI. All Past Grand Generalissimos.

XVII. All Past Grand Captains-General.

So long as they remain members of subordinate commanderies under this jurisdiction.

LIKEWISE,

XVIII. The Eminent Commander,

XIX. The Generalissimo, and

XX. The Captain-General,

Of each chartered subordinate commandery working under this Grand Commandery.

LIKEWISE,

XXI. All Past Commanders of the subordinate commanderies working under this Grand Commandery, so long as they remain members of subordinate commanderies under this jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Each of the individuals enumerated in this section shall be entitled, when present, to one vote.

SEC. 4. No knight shall be eligible to office in this Grand Commandery, unless he shall be at the time a member of some subordinate commandery working under this jurisdiction, and a Past Commander.

The *elective* officers of this Grand Commandery are chosen by ballot, and shall consist of—

I. A Grand Commander.
II. A Deputy Grand Commander.
III. A Grand Generalissimo.
IV. A Grand Captain-General.
V. A Grand Prelate.
VI. A Grand Senior Warden.
VII. A Grand Junior Warden.
VIII. A Grand Treasurer.
IX. A Grand Recorder.

The other officers shall be appointed by the Grand Commander elect.

ARTICLE II.

PROXIES.

SECTION 1. Any officer specified in Article I, save and except Past Commanders, may appear and vote by proxy, said proxy being at the time of service a member of the same subordinate commandery as his principal, a member of the Grand Commandery, and producing a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

SEC. 2. None but members of the Grand Commandery who are entitled to vote shall be allowed to be present during the election of officers.

ARTICLE III.

CONCLAVES.

SECTION 1. The Grand Conclave shall be held annually on the last Tuesday of May, in each and every year, and be opened at 8 o'clock P.M., at such place as the Grand Commandery may designate.

The records of the proceedings of the last Annual Grand

Conclave and of any subsequent Special Grand Conclave shall be read, unless dispensed with.

SEC. 2. The Grand Commander shall appoint a *Committee on Credentials*, composed of three members of this Grand Commandery, who shall report the name of each member present, as well as the names of those for whom they are to act.

SEC. 3. The following Standing Committees, each to consist of five members, shall be appointed, who shall report upon the several matters referred to them during the session:

On the Doings of the Grand Officers.

On Dispensations and Charters.

On By-Laws.

On Finance, including the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Recorder's accounts.

On Grievances and Appeals.

On designating the Next Place of Meeting.

On Unfinished Business.

On Mileage and Pay.

On Templar Jurisprudence and Ritual.

On Foreign Correspondence.

On Printing and Publishing.

SEC. 4. The election for Grand Officers shall be held on the morning of the second day of the session, at 10 o'clock A.M. The appointed officers shall be announced by the Grand Commander immediately preceding his installation.

SEC. 5. The several Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

SEC. 6. All questions shall be determined by a majority of voters, except alteration of this constitution, which is hereafter provided for.

SEC. 7. The Grand Commandery shall have exclusive

jurisdiction over the Templar and Appendant Orders in this State, grant charters, decide appeals, and settle all controversies that may arise between subordinate commanderies, promulgate the Ritual prescribed by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and do all things to promote the good, well-being, and perpetuation of Templar Masonry.

SEC. 8. Every resolution of the Grand Commandery shall become law, as well as the decisions of the Grand Commander, if approved by the Grand Commandery, and be binding and conclusive, and shall be carried into effect accordingly.

ARTICLE IV.

SPECIAL CONCLAVES.

SECTION 1. A Special Grand Conclave may be held at any time the Grand Commander and first three officers may think fit, and which shall be convoked by the Grand Recorder, upon thirty days' notice, signed by the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder, by a circular addressed to each Grand and Past Grand Officer, to each subordinate commandery, and to every member of this Grand Commandery, setting forth the business to be transacted.

SEC. 2. Every Special Grand Conclave, after having been opened, shall proceed to the consideration of the business for which it shall have been convoked, and no other business shall be discussed or transacted.

ARTICLE V.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

GRAND COMMANDER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Commander shall be elected for the term of one year, and may be re-elected.

SEC. 2. The Grand Commander shall preside over all stated and special conclaves in this jurisdiction, exercise a watchful supervision over all the subordinate commanderies, and see that all the constitutional enactments, rules, and edicts of the Grand Encampment of the United States and of this Grand Commandery are duly and promptly observed.

He shall have power, during the recess, to grant letters of dispensation to nine or more petitioners, properly recommended, possessing the constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a commandery. This dispensation shall cease at the next Annual Meeting or be continued by order of the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 3. No dispensation shall be issued unless the petition shall be recommended by the nearest commandery, and the petitioners give satisfactory evidence of good standing, of a suitable place of meeting, of possessing or having the ability to procure proper furniture and dress for the use of the commandery, and of being competent to conduct intelligently the ceremonies, work, and government thereof. *Provided*, That no charter or dispensation shall be granted until the knights petitioning for the same shall have filed with the Grand Recorder a certificate of the Recorder of the commandery to which he then or had last belonged, certifying that he was entirely clear of the books, and no charges were pending against him.

SEC. 4. He may visit and preside at any commandery, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the order may require, but always adhering to the ancient landmarks.

SEC. 5. It is his duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE VI.

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

SECTION 1. The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal, or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Commander, and exercise all the powers, authorities, and privileges given to and vested in him. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Commandery or the Grand Commander.

SEC. 2. It is his duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE VII.

GRAND GENERALISSIMO AND CAPTAIN-GENERAL.

SECTION 1. In the absence of their respective superiors, they shall severally act as the Grand Commander, in order according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Commander or such as are appropriate to their respective stations.

SEC. 2. It is also their duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all meetings of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

ARTICLE VIII.

GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. It is the duty of the Grand Treasurer to attend the conclaves of the Grand Commandery, with the books, papers, and properties of his office, in order to make settlement with the committee, pay such orders as may have

been passed by vote of the Grand Commandery, attested by the Grand Commander, and countersigned by the Grand Recorder; also, those drawn by the Committee on Mileage and Pay. He shall, at each Annual Conclave, present an accurate written report of the state of the treasury; and, before entering upon the duties of his office, give his bond to the Grand Commander in the sum of $3000. He shall receive all moneys from the hands of the Grand Recorder, and give his receipt therefor, being careful to make due entries of the same in a book to be kept for that purpose; and, at the expiration of his office, he shall deliver over to his successor all moneys, papers, books. and other property that may be in his hands or under his control as Grand Treasurer.

ARTICLE IX.

GRAND RECORDER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Recorder shall attend all conclaves of the Grand Commandery. He shall make an annual report of the returns of the subordinate commanderies, showing their elected officers, the increase and numbers, and the amount paid or due by them; prepare and cause to be printed a roll of the members of this Grand Commandery, which shall be distributed in the Grand Commandery at its first session, subject to amendment, which list when amended shall be used to designate the votes in this Grand Body, also such other matters as may conduce to the general good of the order.

SEC. 2. He shall keep a true record of the proceedings of this Grand Commandery, and receive and collect all moneys due from the subordinate commanderies, and pay the same over to the Grand Treasurer forthwith, taking his receipt therefor.

SEC. 3. He shall transmit to the officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States, to the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of each State Grand Commandery, and to the Recorder of each subordinate commandery under this jurisdiction, copies of our annual proceedings. He shall keep, in a suitable book, a register of each subordinate commandery, showing the present and past officers and members of each; also, all rejections, suspensions, admissions, deaths, resignations, and those degraded.

SEC. 4. He shall transmit to the Recorder of each commandery the names of all candidates rejected, knights suspended or degraded, within this jurisdiction, once every month.

SEC. 5. He shall have his books, papers, and accounts present at the opening of each Annual Conclave, prepared for settlement with the Committee of the Grand Commandery; and, at the expiration of his term of office, deliver over to his successor all property or other matters in his hands belonging to the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 6. All official communications shall have the seal of the Grand Commandery affixed thereto.

SEC. 7. For his services he shall receive a compensation to be fixed annually.

SEC. 8. He shall notify every member of the Grand Commandery of the Annual and Special Conclaves of this Grand Commandery.

ARTICLE X.

DUTIES OF COMMITTEES.

ON THE DOINGS OF THE GRAND OFFICERS.

They shall have charge of all the reports of the Grand Officers, with the documents referred to, and report, by

resolution or otherwise, what action should be taken in the premises by the Grand Commandery.

ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS.

They shall particularly examine the work and records of the commanderies under Dispensation, and report to the Grand Commandery such action as they shall deem proper in the premises.

ON BY-LAWS.

They shall report all matters that are improper or unconstitutional in any By-Laws, and submit the same to the Grand Commandery, with such recommendation as they shall deem proper.

ON FINANCE.

It shall be their duty to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, settle and balance the same, and report to the Grand Commandery the actual condition of the finances. All applications for a remission of fees and dues by subordinate commanderies shall be referred to this committee, who shall report thereon to the Grand Commandery. They shall report an estimate of the receipts and expenditures, and the necessary appropriation for the next Templar year.

ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

All matters of controversy and grievance brought before the Grand Commandery shall be referred to this committee, whose duty it shall be to examine into the same, and report their action thereon to the Grand Commandery.

ON DESIGNATING THE NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Their duty shall be to designate a place for the next Annual Conclave—bearing in view the constitutional requirement.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

It shall be their duty to examine the record of the previous Annual Conclave, and report all such matters as were then pending and undetermined.

ON MILEAGE AND PAY.

It shall be their duty to ascertain and report the names of those members entitled to mileage and pay, the amount each is entitled to receive, and draw warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the same; the warrants to be signed by a majority of the committee and attested by the Grand Commander.

ON TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE AND RITUAL.

To them shall be referred all propositions to revise, alter, or amend the Constitution and regulations of the Grand Commandery, as well as all other matters on questions of Templar law or usage, or the Ritual, and they shall report thereon, in writing, as far as proper, to the Grand Commandery.

ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

They shall have charge of so much of the Grand Commander's address as relates to matters of foreign correspondence, together with the proceedings of sister Grand Commanderies, with the documents referred to, and report to the Grand Commandery. They shall select such portions of the proceedings of the Grand Commandery as are proper

for publication, which, together with the report on Foreign Correspondence and statistical table, shall be published.

ON PRINTING AND PUBLISHING.

They shall have the exclusive control of all printing for and on account of the Grand Commandery, which they shall award to the lowest and best bidder.

ARTICLE XI.

FEES, DUES.

SECTION 1. Each Grand Officer and Eminent Commander, or his proxy, of a subordinate commandery in attendance at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, shall be entitled to receive three cents for each mile travelled, and three dollars per day for each day necessarily spent in attendance, and going to and from such Annual Conclaves.

SEC. 2. The revenue of the Grand Commandery shall be derived from the following sources:

For every dispensation, to be paid before the same is issued, ...	$100 00
For every Knight receiving either or all the Orders of Knighthood, ...	2 00
For annual dues, ...	50
For Grand Commandery certificate, ...	2 00

ARTICLE XII.

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

SECTION 1. Every commandery shall assemble at least quarterly for business.

SEC. 2. Each commandery shall hold its annual election

at the stated assembly in March, and the installation of officers shall take place before the 1st day of May following.

SEC. 3. Every commandery shall, before the 12th day of May in each year, transmit to the Grand Recorder, in such form as shall be furnished, its annual return, accompanied by the fees and dues to the Grand Commandery. The Templar year commences on May 1st.

SEC. 4. Any commandery neglecting or refusing to make its annual returns on or before May 12th, accompanied by fees and dues, shall be notified thereof; and if after three months' notice it fail to pay, it shall be suspended until restored by vote of the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 5 Any commandery which shall omit to make its annual returns and payments on or before the second Tuesday in May shall thereby be deprived of its representation in the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 6. When a commandery is disbanded or dissolved, by neglecting to make its returns, or pay its dues, or by unknightly conduct, or by the death and resignation of its members, it shall be the duty of the last Eminent Commander, Treasurer, and Recorder, within three months after its dissolution, to surrender to the Grand Recorder the warrant, books, papers, jewels, furniture, and funds of such commandery, together with an inventory thereof. No Knight of such commandery shall be admitted into any other commandery, nor entitled to the benefits of Templar Masonry, until he shall have paid to the Grand Recorder all his arrears.

SEC. 7. The officers of a subordinate commandery shall be an

Eminent Commander.
Generalissimo.
Captain-General.
Prelate.

Senior Warden.
Junior Warden.
Treasurer.
Recorder.
Standard Bearer.
Sword Bearer.
Warder.
Three Captains of the Guard.
Sentinel.

The elected officers shall be an

Eminent Commander.
Generalissimo.
Captain-General.
Treasurer.
Recorder.

The remaining officers shall be appointed by the Eminent Commander immediately before his installation. *Provided*, That no one shall be eligible to the office of Eminent Commander unless he shall have previously served as Generalissimo or Captain-General, except at the formation of a new commandery.

SEC. 8. A commandery, not distinguished by a name or title, being desirous of taking one, must for that purpose procure the approbation of the R. E. Grand Commander, and the name must be registered with the Grand Recorder. No commandery is permitted to alter its name without the like approbation and registry, nor can it be named after any living person.

ARTICLE XIII.

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

SECTION 1. Subordinate commanderies shall not confer

the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than thirty dollars. The prescribed fees cannot be remitted by a commandery directly or indirectly.

SEC. 2. Every applicant for the Orders of Knighthood must inclose the whole amount of fee before the Orders are conferred.

SEC. 3. Every applicant for the Orders of Knighthood must apply by petition, at a stated assembly, at least one month prior to his reception, recommended by two knights, members of the commandery to which his petition is presented. Such petition must be signed by the applicant in person, giving his full name, residence, and occupation, the lodge and chapter in which the applicant received the degrees, and shall state whether or not he has been previously rejected by any commandery. It shall also declare that the petitioner is a firm believer in the Christian religion. A committee of investigation, consisting of three members of the commandery, neither of whom is a recommender, shall be appointed by the Eminent Commander on such application, who, reporting favorably, the applicant is balloted for, at a stated assembly, at least four weeks after the petition has been presented, and receiving a unanimous vote, is declared to be approved.

SEC. 4. When a petition has been presented to a commandery it cannot be withdrawn, unless it shall appear that the commandery has not jurisdiction over the petitioner. An unfavorable report does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot, which must be taken in all cases.

SEC. 5. Every member present when a ballot is taken is required to vote, unless excused by the commandery before the ballotting has commenced. An Eminent Commander, upon good cause shown, may order one reballot before the result of the ballot has been recorded, and before any member of the commandery has left the Asylum.

SEC. 6. If the applicant is declared rejected, no further or additional action can be taken for the period of six months, when he can again apply by a new petition, and all proceedings thereunder shall be of the same character as if he had never previously applied.

SEC. 7. An applicant twice rejected cannot again apply until after the space of twelve months from the last rejection, when a new petition in his case may be received, which must state the facts of his previous rejections, otherwise to be in the usual form.

SEC. 8. The objection of a member of the commandery in good standing, made either in open commandery or to the Eminent Commander, shall be sufficient to prevent the conferring the orders of knighthood upon a candidate even after approval, and this whether the objecting knight was present when the ballot was taken or not. Such an objection is equivalent to the rejection of the candidate by ballot, and the fact of the objection, without the name of the objector, should be entered upon the minutes. The objecting knight cannot be required to disclose his reasons therefor.

SEC. 9. A knight, upon written notice to the commandery and the payment of all dues, there being no charges pending against him, may withdraw, and receive a dimit. An unaffiliated Templar loses all claim upon the order, nor can he be admitted more than once as a visitor in a subordinate commandery in this jurisdiction.

SEC. 10. Should the office of Commander, Generalissimo, or Captain-General of a commandery become vacant from any cause, it shall be the duty of the Grand Commander, upon application by the commandery, to issue a dispensation to authorize a special election to be held to fill such vacancy, after written or printed notice sent to every member. Such election shall not be held except at a stated assembly.

SEC. 11. An applicant for the Orders of Knighthood may apply to any commandery within the jurisdiction, providing, should he apply to any commandery other than the one nearest his place of residence, the commandery nearest his place of residence shall be immediately notified of the application, and its consent obtained before conferring the orders.

SEC. 12. The suspension or expulsion of a knight by his commandery deprives him of all the rights and privileges of knighthood as long as the judgment remains in force. Expulsion or suspension from his Masonic rights by his lodge or chapter deprives a knight of all the rights and privileges in his commandery, and of all intercourse with the order.

SEC. 13. The evidence of the action of a lodge or chapter shall be by a certificate of the body filed with the commandery, or oral testimony duly produced, indicating the action taken of which, and the effect produced, to wit, deprivation of knightly rank. A minute must be placed on the records. The commandery cannot go behind the record, nor adjudicate upon the question of jurisdiction, unless the action of the lodge or chapter has been reversed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, when the knight is restored to his former standing in the commandery.

SEC. 14. A knight who has been expelled by his commandery may be restored to good standing by a two-thirds vote of the commandery. If suspended by his commandery, a majority vote will restore to good standing. In either case of suspension or expulsion by his commandery, the knight can be restored to membership only upon petition and unanimous ballot. When the suspension or expulsion from the commandery was the result of suspension or expulsion by lodge or chapter, a certificate of his restoration in the body which disciplined him will restore the knight to

good standing and membership in the commandery. In case of definite suspension, the restoration of the knight to his lodge or chapter restores him to knightly standing.

SEC. 15. On the rejection of an applicant for the Orders of Knighthood, it shall be the duty of the Recorder to forthwith notify the Grand Recorder.

SEC. 16. In all elections for officers in the Grand Commandery or its subordinates, a majority of the whole number of votes given is necessary for a choice; but if on the first ballot no choice be made, a second shall be had, confined, where the votes are unequal, to the two highest on the return; and where there are three or more candidates, one having a plurality of the votes and two or more an equal number of votes, then confined to such candidates; and where the votes are equal, to those having an equal number of votes. If, on the second ballot, there be no election, the contest between the candidates in either of the above contingencies shall be determined by lot.

SEC. 17. The Grand Commandery may levy and collect such pro rata assessments as may be needed to pay the expenses of the same. A majority vote may determine the propriety of the assessment and the amount thereof.

SEC. 18. A subordinate commandery failing to meet for twelve consecutive months forfeits all of its rights as a commandery, and thereby forfeits its charter.

SEC. 19. Commanderies shall not appear in public as such, except on funeral occasions, without permission of the Grand Commander.

AMENDMENTS.

Every proposed alteration or amendment of this Constitution shall be in writing, and referred to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence and Ritual, who shall report at the next annual meeting; and it shall require a majority of the members present to adopt the same.

DRAFT OF BY-LAWS

FOR THE GENERAL USE OF

SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES.

ADOPTED BY THE GRAND COMMANDERY, AND REVISED MAY 30, 1877.

NOTE.—All commanderies framing new By-Laws are required to conform to this draft.

ARTICLE I.

TITLE.

Commandery, No. , Masonic Knights Templar of Pennsylvania.

ARTICLE II.

ASSEMBLIES.*

SECTION 1. The stated assemblies of this commandery shall be on the of every month, except July and August, which shall be left to the discretion of the Eminent Commander.

SEC. 2. The hours of assembling shall be at o'clock P.M., from the to the , and at o'clock from the to the

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* The Grand Encampment style the meetings of subordinate commanderies CONCLAVES instead of ASSEMBLIES.—*Code of Statutes.*

SEC. 3. No business shall be transacted at a special assembly further than that for which the same is called.

ARTICLE III.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The elective officers shall be an Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, Treasurer, Recorder, and three Trustees, who shall be separately elected by ballot at the stated assembly in March.

SEC. 2. No member shall be entitled to vote at the annual election, or be eligible to any office, whose dues are not paid in full, unless the same shall have been previously remitted.

SEC. 3. At the stated assembly in April, the Eminent Commander shall appoint a Prelate, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, Warder, three Guards, and Sentinel.

SEC. 4. All the officers of the commandery shall be installed at the stated assembly, on or before the first day of May, and shall continue in office until their successors are duly elected and installed.

ARTICLE IV.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The EMINENT COMMANDER shall cause the Rules and Regulations of this Commandery to be duly observed, as also the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of this State and of the Grand Encampment of the United States; also cause accurate records of this commandery to be kept, and just accounts rendered, and have regular returns made to the Grand Recorder, and the annual dues promptly paid.

At the stated assembly in March, he shall appoint two

Sir Knights, who, in conjunction with the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain-General, shall audit the books of the Treasurer, Recorder, and Trustees, and make a report of such examination, and of the condition of the finances of the commandery, at the stated assembly in April. In the absence of the Eminent Commander, the Generalissimo and Captain-General shall preside in the commandery, according to rank, and shall perform the duties of their respective stations.

SEC. 2. The TREASURER shall keep a true and correct account of the funds of the commandery, and submit the same, with his vouchers, annually to the Auditing Committee in April. He shall pay no moneys except in pursuance of a resolution of the commandery, and upon an order signed by the Eminent Commander, and attested by the Recorder.

SEC. 3. The RECORDER shall keep accurate accounts of the transactions of this commandery, collect all moneys due the same, and pay it forthwith to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor. He shall issue notices for each stated and special assembly. He shall render returns to the Grand Recorder of the membership, and the work of the commandery, immediately after the stated assembly in April. At the time of issuing the notices for the stated assembly in March, he shall notify each member of the amount of his indebtedness, and perform such other duties appertaining to his office as the commandery may direct; and for his services shall receive dollars ($) per annum.

SEC. 4. The PRELATE, SENIOR and JUNIOR WARDENS, STANDARD BEARER, SWORD BEARER, WARDER, and GUARDS shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Ritual of the order.

SEC. 5. The SENTINEL shall attend every assembly of the commandery, deliver the notices for the same, and for his

services shall receive dollars ($) for each assembly.

SEC. 6. The TRUSTEES shall invest such moneys as may be placed in their hands for that purpose in the name of "THE TRUSTEES OF COMMANDERY, NO. , MASONIC KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, OF ," the commandery to determine the nature of such investments. The Trustees shall make an annual detailed report of the funds at the stated meeting in March, and whenever ordered by the commandery.

ARTICLE V.

PETITIONS.

SECTION 1. Petitions for the Orders of Knighthood, or membership only, shall be in writing, signed in full by the applicant, recommended by two Sir Knights, members of this commandery, such petitioner stating his age, residence, occupation, as well as the Lodge and Chapter in which he received the degrees, and that he is a firm believer in the Christian religion. The Eminent Commander shall appoint a committee of three to examine into his character, etc., and report thereon at the next stated assembly, or as early as practicable thereafter, when he shall be balloted for.

SEC. 2. All petitions shall be accompanied by the fees as set forth in Article VII respectively. If the petition of the candidate be rejected, the money shall be returned, but if approved or elected, and said petitioner does not come forward within six months thereafter, it shall be forfeited to the commandery.

ARTICLE VI.

REJECTIONS.

SECTION 1. In case of the rejection of an applicant for the Orders of Knighthood or membership, no member or visitor shall disclose the name of the member who opposed the candidate, under the penalty, if a member, of expulsion, or if a visitor, of his never being permitted to visit this commandery again, or become a member thereof, and the Eminent Commander, immediately after the rejection of any candidate, shall cause this article to be read in the hearing of all present.

SEC. 2. An applicant for the Orders of Knighthood, rejected in this commandery, shall be entitled to a second ballot after the lapse of six months from the date of first rejection, due notice thereof being given by the Recorder, and if then rejected, no further ballot shall be had for the space of twelve months thereafter, when a new petition in his case may be received in usual form.

ARTICLE VII.

FEES.

The fees for conferring the Orders of Knighthood or membership shall invariably be paid in advance, and shall be as follows:

For conferring the Orders of Knighthood, . . $
For conferring the orders of Templar and Malta, .
Admission of a Sir Knight, ...

ARTICLE VIII.

DUES AND LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Every Sir Knight, other than a life member, shall pay the sum of dollars ($) per annum.

SEC. 2. Any member being in arrears to the commandery upon the night of the annual election, and neglecting or refusing to pay the same after he has been duly notified of the proposed action of the commandery thereon, may be suspended from membership, unless it appears that he has been absent from his place of residence six months, or has had his dues remitted: *Provided, however*, That before any member be suspended it shall satisfactorily appear to the commandery that such member has received due notice as required by Section 3, Article IV, of these By-Laws, or that it was impossible to serve him with such notice.

SEC. 3. Any member of this commandery who shall pay, over and above the amount of his dues, the sum of dollars, or, if he has been a contributing member for five consecutive years, the sum of dollars, over and above all arrearages, may by a vote of the commandery be constituted a life member, and exempt from all further dues.

ARTICLE IX.

UNIFORM.

SECTION 1. Every Sir Knight is required to appear in the uniform prescribed by the Regulations of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

SEC. 2. There shall be a Standing Committee of three Sir Knights, who, in conjunction with the Eminent Commander, shall see that the uniform of every member is in strict conformity to the regulations prescribed by the Grand Encampment of the United States, and that every member is made proficient in the drill adopted for the use of this commandery; and it shall be their duty to prescribe such measures as they may deem proper from time to time to carry the same into effect.

ARTICLE X.

RESIGNATIONS.

Any member wishing to resign shall give notice at a stated assembly, pay his entire indebtedness to the commandery; when he shall receive a dimit, providing no charges are pending against him.

ARTICLE XI.

AMENDMENTS.

Any amendment or alteration to these By-Laws must be presented in writing at a stated assembly; if seconded, it shall be read by the Recorder and entered on the minutes, and lie over until the next stated assembly, when it shall require the vote of a majority of the members present to amend, repeal, or enact any such law or laws: *Provided*, That the members have been duly notified that such alteration is to be acted upon.

FORMS.

A.O., Anno Ordinis, or the Templar year, can be found by subtracting 1118 from the present year, thus A.D. 1877 is A.O. 759.

A.O.E.P., the year of the establishment of the order in Pennsylvania, can be found by subtracting 1797 from the present year, thus A.D. 1877 is A.O.E.P. 90.

No. I.

Form of Petition for Dispensation to Establish a Commandery.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Pennsylvania:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they are severally Knights of the Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta, residing in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; that they are in good standing* as Knights of these illustrious orders, and among them are, in their opinion, a competent number well qualified to form and open a Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders, and to properly discharge the various duties thereof, according to ancient usage; that they have a suitable place of meeting, and ability to procure proper furniture and dress for conducting the ceremonies and work of a commandery. Having the good of the order at heart, and desirous to extend the benefits and blessings thereof to worthy

* Applicants for Dispensation will be required to comply with Article V, Section 3, of the Constitution.

companions, they pray for a dispensation empowering them to form, open, and hold a regular commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders in the of , county of , and State of Pennsylvania, to be named Commandery, subordinate to, under the jurisdiction of, and to be conducted in accordance with the Constitution, Rules, and Edicts of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, the Grand Encampment of the United States, and the general principles, customs, and usages of the order.

And they beg leave respectfully to recommend Sir as the first Eminent Commander, Sir as the first Generalissimo, Sir as the first Captain-General.

Dated, , A.D.18 , A.O. 7 , A.O.E.P. 7 .

(Signed)

No. II.

Recommendation of the Nearest Commandery.

(*To be attached to the Petition for Dispensation.*)

At a Stated Assembly of the Knights of Commandery, No. , Knights Templar, stationed at Pennsylvania, held on the day of , A.D. 18 , A.O. 7 , on motion duly made and seconded, it was

Resolved, That the petition of the foregoing Knights for a dispensation for a new commandery at be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, this being the nearest commandery.

[SEAL.]

Eminent Commander.

Attest: *Recorder.*

No. III.

Dispensation to Open a New Commandery.

To all whom it may concern—Greeting:

Whereas, A petition of sundry Knights Templar in the of , praying that a dispensation may be granted them to open and hold a commandery of Knights Templar and Councils of the Appendant Orders, at the of , in the county of , and aforesaid, has been presented to me for consideration:

And whereas, It appears to me that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted:

Now, know ye, That I, , Grand of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the power in me vested, do grant this, my dispensation, to , the petitioners aforesaid, and to their associates and successors, and empower them to open and hold a commandery of Knights Templar and Councils of the Appendant Orders, at the place aforesaid, to be called and distinguished by the name of Commandery, No. , and in each of the several orders to confer the respective degrees thereof upon such person or persons, possessing the requisite qualifications, as they may think proper.

And I do, by these presents, appoint Sir as Eminent Commander, Sir as Generalissimo, and Sir as Captain-General, with continuance to them of the said powers and privileges, until the first day of May, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and , and no longer; at which time they are hereby enjoined to make a return of this dispensation, *with all their official doings under the same: Provided, nevertheless*, That the said officers and members of said com-

mandery pay due respect to our said Grand Commandery, and to the Constitution and edicts thereof, and in no way remove the ancient landmarks of our order; otherwise, this dispensation, and all things therein contained, to be void and of no effect.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery, at the city of , this day of , in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and . A.O. 7.

Grand Commander.

Attest: *Grand Recorder.*

No. IV.

Form of Charter.

The Grand Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania, subordinate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, to whom it may concern—Greeting:

Whereas, Heretofore, to wit, on the day of , in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and , a dispensation was granted to certain Sir Knights to open and hold a commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders, in the of , in the county of , and State of Pennsylvania, by the name of Commandery, No. ;

And whereas, Application has been made to this Grand Commandery for a perpetual charter or warrant to enable them to continue in all the rights and privileges of a regularly constituted commandery, and a copy of their By-Laws and of the minutes of their proceedings have been submitted

for our inspection and approval, and no cause averse to granting the prayer of said applicants to us appearing:

Now, know ye, That we, the Grand Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania, United States of America, reposing special confidence and trust in the fidelity, zeal, and Masonic ability of the officers and members of the said commandery, and for the purpose of diffusing the benefits of the order and promoting the happiness of man, by virtue of the power in us vested, do, by these presents, recognize said commandery as regularly constituted and established under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, with full powers to confer the several Orders of Knights of the Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta upon such person or persons, possessing the requisite qualifications, as they may think proper; and we do also recognize the present officers and members of the said commandery, with continuance of the said powers and privileges to them and their successors forever:

Provided, nevertheless, That the said officers and members and their successors pay due respect to our said Grand Commandery, and to the Constitution and edicts thereof, and in no way remove the ancient landmarks of the order, otherwise this charter and all things therein contained to be void and of no effect.

Given at the of , in the State of Pennsylvania, this day of , in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and , of our order seven hundred and , and of the order in Pennsylvania seventy .

By order of the Grand Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania.

Grand Recorder.

No. V.

Form of Dispensation to Elect Officers out of the Warranted Time.

To all true and courteous Sir Knights, but more especially to the Officers and Members of Commandery, No. , in the of Greeting:

Know ye, That whereas no regular election of the officers of the aforesaid commandery, under its Charter and By-Laws, took place at the time and place as provided for in such By-Laws, to wit, for the annual election in March last: *Now, therefore*, I, , Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the high powers in me vested, do hereby grant and issue this, my special dispensation, unto our worthy subordinate, the aforesaid Commandery, No. , hereby authorizing the officers and members of such commandery, at such time and place as may be by them appointed, to wit, at a regular meeting, to proceed and in due order elect suitable Sir Knights of their commandery, to serve in the several offices provided for in their By-Laws; and the Sir Knights so elected, after being duly installed, to serve until the next annual election and installation of its officers, under the said By-Laws; all members to have due and timely notice of such meeting and for the election aforesaid. And I hereby enjoin it upon the Eminent Commander and Recorder of such commandery to certify, under the seal of said commandery, to our Eminent Grand Recorder, within six days after said election, the proceedings had under this dispensation.

Given under my hand and seal, at , this day of , A.D. 18 , A. O. 7 .

R. E. G. C. of G. C. of Pa.

Attest: , *Grand Recorder.*

No. VI.

Special Election Return.

We, the Eminent Commander and Recorder of Commandery, No. , stationed at , under the authority of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify to the Right Eminent Grand Commandery, that at an election held by virtue of a dispensation from the Right Eminent Grand Commander, on the day of , A.D. 18 , A. O. 7 , the following knights were duly elected officers of the said commandery for the remainder of the present Templar year, viz.:

Eminent Commander.
Generalissimo.
Captain-General.
Treasurer.
Recorder.

Witness our hands and the seal of the said commandery, at , this day of , A.D. 18 , A. O. 7 .

[SEAL.] *E. C.*

Attest: , *Recorder.*

No. VII.

Certificate.

To all Knights Templar throughout the Globe:

We, the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain-General of Commandery, No. , stationed at , under a warrant from the Right Eminent Grand Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania, do hereby certify, that our worthy Companion, Sir , has been regularly constituted and

Ne Varietur.

created a Knight of the Red Cross, dubbed a Knight Templar and a Knight of Malta, and as such we cordially recommend him to the kindness and protection of all true and courteous knights of our order, wherever dispersed.

In testimony whereof, we have granted this certificate, under our hands and the seal of the com-
[L. S.] mandery (having first caused our worthy knight to affix his name in the margin, "*ne varietur*"), this day of , A.D. 18 , A.O. 7 .

(Signature.)

Eminent Commander.
Generalissimo.
Captain-General.

Attest: , *Recorder.*

No. VIII.

Form of Dimit.

To all Sir Knights of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and of the Valiant and Magnanimous Orders of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, to whom these presents may come—Greeting:

This is to certify, that Sir , Knight, whose name appears on the margin of this dimit, is a knight of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Knight Templar, and Knight of Malta, late a member of Commandery, No. , stationed at , under the jurisdiction of the Right Eminent Grand Commandery of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. That he is in good standing in the order and free from all charges; and as such we courteously recommend him to the fraternal regard of all valiant and magnanimous knights, wherever dispersed around the globe.

Ne Varietur.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of our commandery to [L.S.] be affixed, this day of , in the year of our Lord 18 , and of the order , .

(Signature.)

Eminent Commander.
Generalissimo.
Captain-General.

Attest: , *Recorder.*

No. IX.

Form of a Certificate for Proxy.

To the Grand Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania:

This is to certify, That in consideration of the confidence I repose in the courtesy and magnanimity of our valiant Sir Knight , I have nominated and appointed, and by these presents do nominate and appoint, the said Sir Knight , to be my proxy in the Grand Commandery of the State of Pennsylvania, then and there to represent me, and to do every act and thing agreeably to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery, as fully and completely as I could do myself, were I personally present.

Witness my hand and seal of Commandery, No. , this day of , A.D. 18 , A. O. 7 .

(Name)
(Office)

No. X.

Petition for Membership.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers, and Knights of Commandery, No. , Knights Templar, and the Appendant Orders:

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents: That he is a Knight of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, a Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar, and one of the Knights of Malta or Order of St. John of Jerusalem, late a member of Commandery, No. , as will appear by the accompanying certificate.

He therefore prays that he may be admitted to membership in your commandery, if on inquiry he should be found worthy.

A.D. 18 , A.O. 7 .

RECOMMENDED AND VOUCHED FOR ON THE HONOR OF A KNIGHT, BY	(Signed)
	Age
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	Residence
	Lodge
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No. XI.

Report of Committee.

No. .

PETITION OF

Sir

FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Presented *A.D.* 18 *A.O.*7

Committee. _____

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To the Eminent Commander, Officers, and Sir Knights of Commandery, No. , Knights Templar and Appendant Orders:

The undersigned, the committee to whom was referred the foregoing application, respectfully report, that they have found the particulars set forth in the petition to be correct, and the petitioner worthy of having his prayer granted.

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No. XII.

For Dubbing and Membership.

To the Eminent Commander, Officers, and Knights of Commandery, No. , Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders:

I, the undersigned, hereby declare, that I am a Royal Arch Mason, in good standing; a member of Chapter, No. , under a charter from the Grand Chapter of ; that I have a firm and steadfast belief in the truth of the Christian religion, and the doctrine of the Holy Trinity as revealed in the New Testament; that I have NOT* been previously rejected in any commandery of Knights Templar, and respectfully pray that I may be made, in your commandery, a Knight of the Order of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders, and become a member of your commandery.

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* In case the applicant has been previously rejected, let him strike out the word *not*.

Should my request be granted, I promise to conform to all the ceremonies, engagements, rules, and statutes of your order, as well as those of your commandery.

Witness my hand, this day of , A.D. 18 .

RECOMMENDED AND VOUCHED FOR ON THE HONOR OF A KNIGHT, BY	(Signed)
	Age
	Occupation
_____	Residence
	Received the Degrees in Lodge No.
_____	Received the Degrees in Chapter No.

No. XIII.

Report of Committee.

No. .

PETITION OF

Companion

FOR DUBBING AND MEMBERSHIP.

Presented *A.D.* 18 *A.O.* 7 .

Committee.

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To the Eminent Commander, Officers, and Sir Knights of Commandery, No. , Knights Templar and Appendant Orders:

The undersigned, the committee to whom was referred the foregoing application, respectfully report, that they have found the particulars set forth in the petition to be correct, and the petitioner worthy of having his prayer granted.

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CEREMONIES

ON THE OCCASION OF THE

DEDICATION OF THE ASYLUM

OF

PHILADELPHIA, No. 2, ST. JOHN'S, No. 4, KADOSH, No. 29, MARY, No. 36, ST. ALBAN, No. 47,

COMMANDERIES OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,

IN THE NEW MASONIC TEMPLE, BROAD AND FILBERT STREETS,

PHILADELPHIA,

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1873.

Prepared at the request of the R. E. Grand Commander
By Rev. and E. Sir Robert H. Pattison, D.D., Grand Prelate.

THE Grand Officers will form in the Council Chamber, and from thence proceed to the Asylum.

GRAND MARCH.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander being satisfied that all present were Knights Templar, proceeded to consecrate the Asylum to the Orders of Christian Knighthood.

CHORUS —"Hail to the Craft."

CHORUS.—"Almighty Father."

PRAYER, by the Eminent Grand Prelate.

CHANT.—"Gloria Patria."

A Detail of six Knights, with the Standard Guard, mak-

ing nine in all, will form on the south side of the Asylum, under command of the Eminent Grand Warder.

The Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander will take the vessel containing the Corn, the Eminent Grand Generalissimo that containing the Wine, the Eminent Grand Captain-General that containing the Oil, and take their stations at the angles of the Delta.

SOLO.—"I know that my Redeemer liveth."

The Detail will march four times around the Asylum, halting at their station in the south.

GRAND MARCH.

The Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander will then present the vessel containing the Corn to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, who will receive it, pass around the Delta, sprinkling the Corn on each of its angles, and return to his post. The Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander receiving the vessel from the Right Eminent Grand Commander will place it in its position at the southeast angle of the Delta, and light the four tapers on the south side of the Delta and return to his post.

While the Corn is being sprinkled upon the angles of the Delta, the Eminent Grand Prelate shall say:

May the God of all grace cause "the handful of *corn* in the earth upon the top of the mountains" to yield abundant fruit, and "may the whole earth be filled with His glory."

CHORUS.—"Gloria in Excelsis."

The Detail will again march four times around the Asylum, halting as before.

GRAND MARCH.

The Eminent Grand Generalissimo will present the vessel containing the Wine to the Right Eminent Grand Com-

mander, who will pass around the Delta, sprinkling the Corn with Wine.

While the Wine is being poured upon the Delta, the Eminent Grand Prelate will say:

May the Almighty Saviour give us in rich abundance the *wine* of gladness, and make us ever ready to relieve the wants of the poor and needy.

SOLO.—"Pity, O Saviour."

The Eminent Grand Generalissimo receiving the vessel from the hands of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, will place it in its position at the southwest angle of the Delta, and light the four tapers on the north side of the Delta and return to his post.

The Detail will again pass four times around the Asylum, halting as before.

GRAND MARCH.

The Eminent Grand Captain-General will present the Right Eminent Grand Commander with the vessel containing the Oil, who will pass around the Delta, sprinkling the Corn and Wine with Oil.

While the Oil is being poured upon the Delta, the Eminent Grand Prelate will say:

May the ever blessed Emanuel pour upon us the precious anointing Oil of His grace, and make us of one mind and heart, that we may be ever ready to do unto others as we would they should do unto us.

DUET.—"I will magnify thee, O God."

The Eminent Grand Captain-General receiving the vessel, will place it in its position at the apex of the Delta, light the four tapers at the base of the Delta and return to his post.

The Sir Knights will then rise, when the Right Eminent

Grand Commander will direct the Eminent Grand Prelate to offer the prayer of consecration.

To our most eminent and worthy patron, St. John, the Almoner, I do now solemnly dedicate this Asylum, and may He who died on the Cross, our *Prophet*, *Priest*, and *King*, abundantly bless and prosper us in all our undertakings. May the poor and weary pilgrim ever find a resting-place within our sacred inclosures, and may each Knight so redeem his time that he may receive the joyful invitation, "Enter thou into the joy of the Lord." Glory be to the Father, Glory be to the Son, Glory be to the Holy Ghost, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good-will toward men.

Response: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. So mote it be.

SOLO.—"Come unto me."

The Knights will resume their stations, and the Right Eminent Grand Commander will order the Eminent Grand Warder to proclaim the consecration of this new Asylum.

The Eminent Grand Warder will advance to the centre of the Asylum and make the following proclamation:

Hear ye! hear ye! hear ye! Valiant Knights of the Temple, I am ordered to proclaim and do proclaim that this Asylum has been duly consecrated for the purposes of Christian Knighthood, and as such will be duly reverenced. This I proclaim to the North (one blast on trumpet), to the South (two blasts), to the East (three blasts), to the West (grand flourish on trumpet). All true and courteous Knights will take due notice thereof and govern themselves accordingly.

The Grand Commandery was then opened in *ample* form.

CHANT.—"Te Deum Laudamus."

Address by the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

SOLO AND QUINTETTE.—"Holy Peace."

The Grand Commandery was then closed.

CEREMONIES AND CHARGES

OF

CONSTITUTING AND DEDICATING A COMMANDERY

AND

INSTALLING ITS OFFICERS.

CONSTITUTING.

On the day and hour appointed, the Right Eminent Grand Commander and his officers, or their representatives, meet in the room where the Ceremonies are to be performed, and open the Grand Commandery.

The jewels are then placed on the altar.

The Grand Warder will then say:

"Right Eminent Grand Commander: A constitutional number of Knights Templar, duly instructed in the sublime mysteries of our orders, and being desirous of promoting the honor of the same by aiding the cause of humanity, knowledge, and virtue, have applied to the proper authority for a warrant or charter to constitute them a regular commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders. The prayer of their petition having been granted, they are now assembled for the purpose of being legally constituted, and of having their officers duly installed in due and ancient form."

The Grand Commander will then direct the Grand Recorder to read the Charter, which being done he will ask the members if they still approve of the officers named in the Charter; if they assent, the Grand Commander will declare:

"By virtue of the high power and authority in me vested, I do now form you, my worthy brother knights, into a just and regular commandery of Knights Templar. Henceforth you are authorized and empowered to form and open a Council of Knights of the Red Cross, a commandery of Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, of the order of St. John of Jerusalem, and to perform all such things as may appertain to the same: conforming in all your doings to the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Commandery under whose authority you act, and to the Constitution and edicts of the Grand Encampment of the United States. And may the God of your fathers be with you, guide and direct you in all your undertakings."

The jewels are now uncovered to solemn music, when the Prelate rises, and says:

"From time immemorial, it has been customary for the Masonic Fraternity to dedicate the different departments of our institution to different patrons. We dedicate our lodges to St. John the Baptist, or the Evangelist; our chapters to Zerubbabel, and our commanderies to St. John the Almoner. We do this, not in that superstitious sense in which the heathen employ the term when they set apart their temples for the worship of their imaginary deities, nor in that high and solemn sense in which Christians dedicate their churches to the great Jehovah; but we do it simply to testify our respect and esteem for the character of those who have been so eminently beneficial to our institution,

and that their examples may stimulate us to imitate their exalted virtues.

"To our most eminent and worthy patron St. John the Almoner I do now solemnly dedicate this commandery, by the name and title of Commandery; and may the God of all grace abundantly bless you in your laudable undertaking, and may each one of his members so redeem his time that he may receive the joyful invitation, 'Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord!' 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will towards men!'"

Response.—"As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

Immediately after the constituting the new commandery will be opened by its officers, and an election held for officers, after which the Grand Commander will proceed with the

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

Knights drawn up in two divisions on left of east or on the south side of the Asylum. Senior Warden at the head of the first division. Junior Warden at the head of the second division.

Eminent Commander elect in an adjoining room. The Warder takes a detachment of knights, goes out and escorts him in.

Music during his entrance.

The Warder presents him to the Installing Officer in the following words, viz.:

"Eminent Sir (*giving the full titles of the Installing Officer*), I have the honor to present to you Sir , who has been elected to the office of Eminent Commander of this commandery. I find him well skilled in our sublime mysteries, and observant of the noble precepts of our fore-

fathers, and have therefore no doubt but he will discharge the important duties of his office with fidelity."

Installing Officer—

"Sir , having been elected to the important and honorable station of Eminent Commander of this commandery, it is with unfeigned pleasure that I enter upon the discharge of the pleasing duty of installing you into your office. As the head of an institution founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues, you will sensibly realize the great responsibility of the new relation in which you now stand to your brethren; and I am fully persuaded, will so conduct the important interests about to be committed to your hands as to reflect honor upon yourself and credit upon your commandery.

"It now, Sir Knight, becomes my duty to propose certain questions to you, relative to your office, to which I must request unequivocal answers:

"Do you solemnly promise, upon the honor of a Knight Templar, that you will redouble your endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of those of your brethren who have attained this magnanimous order?

"That you will never suffer your commandery to be opened unless there be present nine regular Knights of the order.

"That you will not confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any one who has not shown a charitable or humane disposition, or who has not made a considerable proficiency in the foregoing degrees.

"That you will promote the general good of our order, and on all proper occasions be ready to give and receive instructions, and particularly from the General and State Grand Officers.

"That, to the utmost of your power, you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies, and behave in open commandery with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your brethren.

"That you will not acknowledge or have intercourse with any commandery that does not work under a constitutional warrant or dispensation.

"That you will not admit any visitor into your commandery who has not been knighted in a commandery legally constituted, without his first being formally healed.

"That you will pay due respect and obedience to the instructions of the General and State Grand Officers, particularly relating to the several lectures and charges, and will resign the chair to them severally, when they may visit your commandery.

"That you will support and observe the Constitution of the Grand Encampment and the General Regulations of the Grand Commandery under whose authority you act.

"That you will bind your successor in office to the observance of the same rules to which you have now assented.

"Do you assent to all these things? And do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully?"

Assents.

The Eminent Commander, kneeling, with sword in left hand and right on breast, the Installing Officer administers the following vow, viz.:

"I, A. B. C., do solemnly promise, upon the honor of a Knight Templar, that I will, to the best of my knowledge and ability, faithfully discharge the various duties incumbent upon the office to which I have been elected; that I will support and maintain the By-Laws of this commandery, and the laws and Constitution of the Grand Commandery, under

whose immediate authority I act; also the Constitution and edicts of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America."

Which being done, by command of the Captain-General, all the Sir Knights are at devotion, and the EXCELLENT PRELATE recites the following *prayer*, viz.:

"Most holy and glorious Lord God, we approach Thee with reverence, and in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy blessed Son, our Lord, implore Thy blessing on this Knight, elected to preside over this commandery, and now prostrate before Thee. Fill his heart with Thy fear, that his tongue and actions may pronounce Thy glory; make him steadfast in Thy service; grant him firmness of mind; animate his heart and strengthen his endeavors. May he teach Thy judgments and Thy laws, and be a true and faithful servant.

"Bless him, O Lord! and bless the work of his hands. Accept us in mercy. Hear Thou our prayer, and our transgressions forgive. All of which we ask in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost."

Response, Amen! Amen!

All rise.

The choir chants:

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."

The Installing Officer then invests the Eminent Commander elect as follows:

Charge to the Eminent Commander.

"Sir : You will now permit me to invest you with this badge of your office. It is a CROSS, surrounded by *Rays of Light.* It is an appropriate and beautiful em-

blem of the sublime principles of this magnanimous and Christian order of Knighthood. The CROSS will remind you of Him who offered up His life as a propitiation for the sins of the world; and the refulgent rays that emanate from it of those divine teachings and sublime precepts which He has left to guide and direct us in the paths of truth and holiness.

"I present you the CHARTER of your commandery. You will receive it as a sacred deposit, and never permit it to be used for any other purpose than those expressed in it, and safely transmit it to your successor in office.

"I also commit to your hands the HOLY BIBLE, the Great Light in every degree of Masonry, together with the CROSS SWORDS. The doctrines contained in this sacred volume create in us a belief in the existence of the eternal JEHOVAH, the one only true and living God, the creator and Judge of all things in heaven and earth; they also confirm in us a belief in the dispensations of His providence. This belief strengthens our FAITH, and enables us to ascend the first step of the Masonic Ladder. This FAITH naturally produces in us a HOPE of becoming partakers in the promises expressed in this inestimable gift of GOD to man, which hope enables us to ascend the second step. But the third and the last, being CHARITY, comprehends the former, and will continue to exert its influence when Faith shall be lost in sight, and Hope in complete enjoyment.

"The CROSS SWORDS resting upon the HOLY BIBLE are to remind us that we should be 'strong in the LORD, and in the power of his might;' that we should 'put on the whole armor of GOD,' to be able to wrestle successfully against principalities and powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places.

"I also present to you the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, the Rules and

Regulations of the Grand Commandery of this Commonwealth, and the By-Laws of your commandery. You will frequently consult them yourself, and cause them to be read for the information of your commandery, that all, being informed of their duty, may have no reasonable excuse to offer for the neglect of it.

"And now, Sir , permit me to induct you into the chair of your commandery, and, in behalf of the Sir Knights here assembled, to offer you my most sincere congratulations on your accession to the honorable station you now fill. It will henceforth be your special duty to preserve inviolate the Laws and Constitutions of the order, to dispense justice, reward merit, encourage truth, and diffuse the sublime principles of universal benevolence. You will distribute alms to poor and weary pilgrims travelling from afar; feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. You will inculcate the duties of charity and hospitality, and govern your commandery with justice and moderation. And, finally, my brother, may the bright example of the illustrious heroes of former ages, whose matchless valor has shed undying lustre over the name of Knight Templar, encourage and animate you to the faithful performance of every duty."

PLACED IN THE EAST, THE CAPTAIN-GENERAL ORDERS—

Present Arms.

"Sir Knights, behold your commander. Recollect, Sir Knights, that the prosperity of your commandery will as much depend on your support, assistance, and obedience, as on the assiduity, fidelity, and wisdom of your commander."

THE CAPTAIN-GENERAL ORDERS—

Recover Arms.

The Installing Officer then directs the Warder to make

proclamation that Sir has been regularly installed Eminent Commander of Commandery, No. .

The Warder advances five or six steps from his station towards the centre of the Asylum, presents sword, and says:

"Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! valiant Knights of the Temple. I am directed to proclaim, and do proclaim, that Sir (*giving full name*) has been regularly installed Eminent Commander of Commandery, No. , and as such will be respected accordingly. This proclamation is made to the North, to the South, to the West, and to the East. Once (*one blast on trumpet*). Twice (*two blasts on trumpet*). Thrice (*three blasts on trumpet*). All true and courteous Knights will take due notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly."

Choir chant *Gloria in Excelsis*, or any other appropriate music.

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good-will towards men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great Glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou

only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art the most holy in the sight of God the Father. Amen.

THE CAPTAIN-GENERAL ORDERS—

Knights, to your Posts.

The other officers are then presented to the Installing Officer by the Warder, in the following form:

"Eminent Sir: I have the honor to present to you the elected and appointed officers of this Commandery. I find them well skilled in our sublime mysteries, and observant of the noble precepts of our forefathers, and have, therefore, no doubt but they will severally discharge the important duties of their respective offices with fidelity."

The remainder of the officers are then duly qualified, by taking the oath of office in the form and manner stated. The Warder then presents the Generalissimo.

Charge to the Generalissimo.

Sir [*name in full*]: You have been elected Generalissimo of this commandery. I now invest you with a badge of your office, which is a *Square*, surmounted by a *Paschal Lamb*. When beholding the Lamb, let it stimulate you to have, at all times, a watchful eye over your own conduct, and an earnest solicitude for the prosperity of the kingdom of the blessed Immanuel, the spotless Lamb of God, who was slain from the foundation of the world.

The *Square* is to remind you that the institution of Freemasonry and the Orders of Knighthood were formerly governed by the same Grand Masters, and that the same principles of brotherly love and friendship should forever govern the members of both orders. Your station, Sir Knight, is on the right of your Commander. Your duty is to receive and communicate all orders, signs, and petitions;

to assist your Commander in his various duties, and, in his absence, to preside in the commandery. The exercise of all your talents and zeal will be necessary in the discharge of your various duties. I charge you, therefore, to be faithful to the Sir Knights with whom you are associated; put them often in remembrance of those things which tend to their everlasting peace. Finally "preach to them the word; be instant in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine;" ever remembering the promise, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

Charge to the Captain-General.

Sir [*name in full*]: You have been elected Captain-General of this commandery. I now invest you with the badge of your office, which is a *Level*, surmounted by a *Cock*. As the undaunted courage and valor of the cock stimulates him to conquer his competitor or yield himself a victim to the contest, so should you be stimulated to the discharge of every duty. You should have on "the breastplate of righteousness," so that, with patience and meekness, you may ever travel on the *level* of humility, and be so supplied with divine grace as to prevent you from selling your God or denying your Master. Your station is on the left of your Commander. Your duty, among other things, is to see that the proper officers make all due preparations for the various meetings of the commandery; that the council chamber and asylum are in suitable array for the introduction of candidates and the dispatch of business. You are also to receive and communicate all orders issued by the Eminent Commander through the officers of the line. You are to assist in council, and, in the absence of your Commander and Generalissimo, you are to govern your commandery. The distressed widow, the helpless orphan, and

the innocent of the weaker sex, you are ever to assist and protect. But, above all, you are to stand forth, having your loins girt about with TRUTH, in defence of the Christian religion from all its enemies. And now I exhort you, that with fidelity you perform every duty; and "whatsoever ye do, do heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men: continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;" ever bearing in mind the promise, "Be not weary in well-doing, for in due time you shall reap, if ye faint not."

Charge to the Treasurer.

Sir [*name in full*]: You have been elected Treasurer of this commandery. I now invest you with the badge of your office. Your station is on the right of the Eminent Commander, in front. The qualities which should recommend a Treasurer are *accuracy* and *fidelity:* accuracy, in keeping a fair and minute account of all receipts and disbursements; fidelity, in carefully preserving all the property and funds of the commandery that may be placed in his hands, and rendering a just account of the same whenever he is called upon for that purpose. I presume that your respect and attachment to the commandery, and your earnest solicitude for a good name, which is better than precious ointment, will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office.

Charge to the Recorder.

Sir [*name in full*]: You have been elected Recorder of this commandery. I now invest you with the badge of your office. Your station is on the left of the Eminent Commander, in front. The qualities which should recommend a Recorder are, *promptitude* in issuing the notifications and orders of his superior officers; *punctuality* in attending the

meetings of the commandery; *correctness* in recording their proceedings; *judgment* in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be committed to writing; *integrity* in accounting for all moneys that may pass through his hands; and *fidelity* in paying the same over into the hands of the Treasurer. The possession of these good qualities, I presume, has designated you as a suitable candidate for this important office; and I cannot entertain a doubt that you will discharge its duties beneficially to the commandery and honorably to yourself. And when you shall have completed the record of your transactions here below, and finished the term of your probation, may you be admitted into the celestial *asylum* of saints and angels, and find your name *recorded in the* LAMB'S *Book of Life!*

Charge to the Prelate.

Sir [*name in full*]: You have been appointed Prelate of this commandery. I have the pleasure of investing you with this *Triple Triangle*, which is the badge of your office, and a beautiful emblem of the eternal Great Jehovah. Your station is on the right of the Generalissimo. Your duty is to officiate at the *altar;* to offer up prayers and oblations to Deity. The duties of your office are very interesting and highly important, and will require your early and punctual attendance at every meeting. Your jewel is to remind you of the importance of the trust reposed in you; and may "He who is able abundantly furnish you for every good work, preserve you from falling into error, improve, strengthen, establish, and perfect you;" and finally greet you with "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Charge to the Senior Warden.

Sir [*name in full*]: You have been appointed Senior

Warden of this commandery. I now invest you with the badge of your office, which is a *Hollow Square* and *Sword of Justice.* It is to remind you, that, as the children of Israel marched in a hollow square in their journey through the wilderness, in order to guard and protect the *Ark of the Covenant*, so should you be vigilant in guarding every avenue from innovation and error. Let the sword of justice, therefore, be ever drawn to guard the Constitution of the order. Your station is at the southwest angle of the triangle, and upon the right of the first division. You will attend *pilgrim warriors* travelling from afar, comfort and support *pilgrim penitents*, and recommend them, after due trial, to the favor and protection of the Eminent Commander. You will be assiduous in teaching your division their duties and exercises. You will, on all occasions, form the avenues for the approach and departure of your Commander, and prepare the lines for inspection and review. Let it be your constant care that the *warriors* be not deterred from duty, nor the *penitent* molested on his journey. Finally, "Let your light so shine before men that they, seeing your good works, may glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Charge to the Junior Warden.

Sir [*name in full*]: You have been appointed Junior Warden of this commandery. I now invest you with the badge of your office, which is an *Eagle* and *Flaming Sword.* It is to remind you to perform your various duties with *justice* and *valor*, having an eagle eye to the prosperity of the order. Your station is at the northwest angle of the triangle, and on the left of the third division. Your duty is to attend weary pilgrims travelling from afar, conduct them on their journey, plead their cause, and, by permission of the Eminent Commander, introduce them into the asylum.

You will be careful that, in addition to the *sandals*, *staff*, *and scrip*, their whole preparation and deportment shall be such as shall cause them to be recognized as *children of humility*. Teach that "*Magna est veritas et prævalebit*" is the motto of our order; and although, in the course of their pilgrimage, they will often find the heights of fortune inaccessible, and the thorny path of life crooked, adverse, and forlorn, yet by faith and humility—courage, constancy, and perseverance in the great duties set before them in the Gospel—they may gain admission into the *asylum* above; there to enjoy the honors and rewards that await the *valiant soldiers* of the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, be ye perfect, always abounding in the works of the Lord, that you may be a shining light in the world. "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

Charge to the Standard Bearer.

Sir [*name in full*]: You have been appointed Standard Bearer of this commandery. I now invest you with the badge of your office, which is a *Plumb*, surmounted by a *Banner*. Your station is in the west, and in the centre of the second division. Your duty is to display, support, and protect the standard of the order, which I now, with pleasure, confide to your valor. You will remember that it is our rallying-point in time of danger; and when unfurled in a just and virtuous cause, you will never relinquish it to an enemy but with your life. Let, therefore, your conduct be such as all the virtuous will delight to imitate; let the refulgent rays which ever emanate from pure *benevolence* and *humility* diffuse their lustre on all around, that it may encourage and animate all true and courteous Knights, and, at the same time, confound and dismay all their enemies.

Charge to the Sword Bearer.

Sir [*name in full*]: You have been appointed Sword Bearer of this commandery. I now invest you with the badge of your office, which is a *Triangle* and *Cross Swords*. Your station is on the right of the Standard Bearer, and on the right of the second division when formed in line. Your duty is to watch all orders and signals from the Eminent Commander, and see that they are promptly obeyed. You are also to assist in the protection of the banners of the order, and with a heart devoted to the principles of *Faith*, *Hope*, and *Charity;* with the mystic sword that is endowed with *justice* and *fortitude*, and tempered by *mercy*, in your hand, you may cast your eyes upon the standard, and remember that "*In hoc signo vinces*" is an expressive motto of our order, and consoling to the heart of every believer.

Charge to the Warder.

Sir [*name in full*]: You have been appointed Warder of this commandery. I now invest you with the badge of your office, which is a *Square Plate*, with a *Trumpet* and *Cross Swords* engraved thereon. Your station is upon the left of the Standard Bearer, and upon the left of the second division when formed in line. Your duty is to announce the approach and departure of the Eminent Commander, to post the sentinels, and see that the asylum is duly guarded. You will also report all petitions from visitors and strangers, and communicate the orders of your superior officers; and I charge you to be punctual in your attendance at our meetings, and indefatigable in the discharge of your important duties; for though yours is among the last offices in the commandery, it is by no means the least in importance.

Charge to the Captains of the Guards.

Sirs [*names in full*]: You have been appointed Captains of the Guards. I now invest you with your badge of office, which is a *Square Plate*, with a *Battle Axe* engraved thereon. Your post is that of honor as well as danger. You will, therefore, be vigilant, and *challenge* with spirit, *examine* with caution, *admonish* with candor, *relieve* cheerfully, *protect* with fidelity, and *fight* valiantly.

Which being done, the Warder, by direction of the Installing Officer, makes the following final proclamation, viz.:

"Hear ye! Hear ye! Hear ye! valiant Knights of the Temple, I am directed to proclaim, and do proclaim, that the elected and appointed officers of Commandery, No. , have been regularly installed into their respective stations, and that this commandery is now prepared to act upon any business which may properly come before it. This proclamation is made to the North, to the South, to the West, and to the East. Once (*one blast on trumpet*). Twice (*two blasts on trumpet*). Thrice (*three blasts on trumpet*). All true and courteous Knights will take due notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly."

Choir chant *Te Deum Laudamus*, or any other appropriate music.

We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.

To Thee all angels cry aloud; the heavens and all the powers therein.

To Thee, Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,

Holy! holy! holy! Lord God of Sabaoth!

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise Thee.

The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise Thee.

The noble army of Martyrs praise Thee.

The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;

The Father, of an infinite majesty;

Thine adorable, true, and only Son.

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ!

Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.

When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man, Thou didst humble Thyself to be born of a Virgin.

When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge.

We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage.

Govern them, and lift them up forever.

Day by day we magnify Thee.

And we worship Thy name ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let Thy mercy be upon us, as our trust is in Thee.

O Lord, in Thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

THE CAPTAIN-GENERAL ORDERS—

Attention, Knights.

Charge to the Commandery.

KNIGHTS: To manage and conduct a commandery of

Knights Templar with a promptitude, integrity, and skill which the institution demands, will require the exercise of all the talents and perseverance of its officers and members. Are any of you solicitous that your equals and inferiors should conduct themselves towards you with deference and respect? you will be sure to let no opportunity pass without furnishing the main example in your own conduct toward your superiors. The officers will recollect that those moral and religious duties and precepts which they from time to time so forcibly impress upon the minds of others, should by no means be neglected by themselves, as the most effectual way to insure success is to let precept and example go hand in hand.

I would therefore exhort one and all of you to look well to the East, to the West, to the North, and to the South, and see that the *entering avenues* are strictly guarded, and that you suffer no one to pass the threshold of your asylum but the worthy *children of humility*, and at the same time that you suffer no one to walk among you disorderly without admonition or reproof. While such is the conduct of the officers and members, you may rest assured that this valiant magnanimous order will forever flourish like the *green bay tree.* And now, my worthy Knights, I address you in the language of David to his beloved city, "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces!" For my brethren and companions' sake I will now say *Peace be with thee!*

TEMPLAR UNIFORM.*

EDICT OF 1862.

THE UNIFORM OF A KNIGHT TEMPLAR.

FULL DRESS.

Black frock coat, black pantaloons, scarf, sword, belt, shoulder straps, gauntlets, and chapeau, with appropriate trimmings.

FATIGUE DRESS.

Same as full dress, except for chapeau a black cloth cap, navy form, with appropriate cross in front, and for gauntlets, white gloves.

SCARF.

Five inches wide in the whole, of white, bordered with black, one inch on either side, a strip of navy lace one-fourth of an inch wide at the inner edge of the black. On the front centre of the scarf, a medal star of nine points, in allusion to the nine founders of the Temple Order, inclosing the Passion Cross, surrounded by the Latin motto, "*In hoc Signo Vinces;*" the star to be three and three-quarter inches in diameter. The scarf to be worn from the

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* See Proceedings, Grand Encampment U. S., 1862, pages 45–50.

right shoulder to the left hip, with the ends extending six inches below the point of intersection.

CHAPEAU.

The military chapeau, trimmed with black binding, one white and two black plumes, and appropriate cross on the left side.

GAUNTLETS.

Of buff leather, the flap to extend four inches upwards from the wrists, and to have the appropriate cross embroidered in gold, on the proper colored velvet, two inches in length.

SWORD.

Thirty-four to forty inches, inclusive of scabbard, helmet head, cross handle, and metal scabbard.

BELT.

Red enamelled or patent leather, two inches wide, fastened round the body with buckle or clasp.

SHOULDER STRAPS.

FOR GRAND MASTER AND PAST GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

Royal purple silk velvet, two inches wide, by four inches long (outside measurement), bordered with two rows of embroidery, of gold, three-eighths of an inch wide; the Cross of Salem embroidered, of gold, in the centre, lengthwise.

FOR ALL OTHER GRAND OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

The same as the Grand Master, except for the Cross of

Salem the Patriarchal Cross, of gold, with the initials of the office respectively, embroidered, of silver (Old English Characters), at the foot of the cross, narrow-wise of the strap.

FOR THE OFFICERS AND PAST GRAND OFFICERS OF A GRAND COMMANDERY.

Bright red silk velvet, two inches wide, by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold, quarter of an inch wide; the Templar's Cross, of gold, with the initials of the office, respectively, to be embroidered (Old English Characters), in silver, on the lower end of the strap.

FOR THE COMMANDER AND PAST COMMANDER OF A SUBORDINATE COMMANDERY.

Emerald-green silk velvet, one and a half inches wide, by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold, quarter of an inch wide; the Passion Cross, with a halo, embroidered, of silver, in the centre.

FOR THE GENERALISSIMO.

Same as the commander, except for the Passion Cross the Square, surmounted with the Paschal Lamb.

FOR THE CAPTAIN-GENERAL.

Same as the commander, except for the Passion Cross the Level, surmounted with the Cock.

CAP.

Navy form; black cloth, four to five inches high, narrow leather strap, fastened at the sides with small metal Templar's Cross, and with appropriate cross in front.

DISTINCTIONS.

The Sir Knights will wear white metal, wherever metal appears. Commanders and Past Commanders, Grand and Past Grand Officers, gold.

CROSSES.*

Sir Knights, Commanders, and Past Commanders of Subordinate Commanderies will wear the PASSION CROSS; Grand and Past Grand Officers of State Commanderies, the TEMPLAR CROSS; Grand and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment, the PATRIARCHAL CROSS; the Grand Master and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment, the CROSS OF SALEM, which is the Patriarchal Cross, with an additional bar in the centre.

The various crosses, as designated, to be worn on the side of the chapeau, and on the scabbard of the sword. Those on the chapeau to be three inches in height; on the sword, one inch.

HANGINGS FOR JEWELS.

The hangings of Grand and Subordinate Commanderies may remain as at present.

GRAND STANDARD.*

Is of white woollen or silk stuff, six feet in height and five feet in width, made tripartite at the bottom, fastened at the top to the cross bar by nine rings; in the centre of the field, a blood-red Passion Cross, over which is the motto, "*In hoc Signo Vinces;*" and under, "*Non Nobis Domine! non Nobis, sed Nomini tuo da Gloriam!*" The cross to be four

* These crosses and standards are given in the Proceedings of 1859, page 76.

feet high, and the upright and bar to be seven inches wide. On the top of the staff, a gilded globe or ball, four inches in diameter, surmounted by the Patriarchal Cross, twelve inches in height. The cross to be crimson, edged with gold.

BEAUSEANT.

Of woollen or silk stuff, same form and dimensions as the Grand Standard, and suspended in the same manner. The upper half of this standard is black, the lower half white.

PRELATE'S ROBES.

A full white linen or muslin robe, open behind, reaching down within six inches of the feet, fastened around the neck below the cravat, which should be white, and having flowing sleeves reaching to the middle of the hand. A white woollen cloak, lined with white, fastened around the neck, and extending down to the bottom of the robe; on the left front, a red velvet Templar Cross, six inches in width. A blue silk stole reaching down in front to within six inches of the bottom of the robe, and having on it three Templar Crosses of red silk. Mitre of white merino bordered with gold, lined with green, having the red Templar Cross extending to the edges, and surmounted by a Passion Cross three inches high. The special badge of his office is a crozier.

BURIAL SERVICE

OF THE

ORDERS OF MASONIC KNIGHTHOOD.

ADOPTED BY THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, CHICAGO, 1859.

General Regulations.

1. No Sir Knight can be buried with the funeral honors of Knighthood unless he be a Knight Templar in regular standing.

2. It shall be the duty of the Eminent Commander to convene the Sir Knights of the commandery, upon notice of the death of a Sir Knight who may be entitled to receive funeral honors, upon request, made when living, or by his family after his decease, for the purpose of attending the funeral ceremonies.

3. Sir Knights, on such occasions, will attend in full uniform, pursuant to the regulations, their sword-hilts and the banner of the commandery being suitably dressed in mourning.

4. On the coffin of the deceased Sir Knight will be placed his hat and sword; and, if an officer, his jewel, trimmed with crape.

5. The Eminent Commander will preside during the ser-

vices, and, assisted by the Prelate, lead in the ceremonies, pursuant to the ritual. If Grand Officers or Past Grand Officers be present, they will be allotted a place in the procession according to their rank; and if the Grand Prelate or a Past Grand Prelate be present, he will take the place of the Prelate.

6. The Sir Knights will assemble at their asylum, and march to the residence of the deceased in the usual order of processions; the line being headed by the Warder, and the officers being in the rear, according to rank; that is, the Eminent Commander last; the Prelate being preceded by the Holy Writings, carried on a cushion, and the arms and hat of the deceased borne in the rear of the Eminent Commander. On arriving at the house, the lines are opened, and the Eminent Commander passes to the front and receives the body, placing the hat and sword on the coffin, as above directed.

7. The procession is then formed as before; the body, with the mourners and citizens present, being in the rear of the Sir Knights and in front of the officers. If the services are performed at a church or place of public worship, the procession, on arriving, will enter in reversed order, the Eminent Commander and Prelate, with the other officers, preceding the body and mourners.

8. When the public or religious services are concluded, the face of the deceased will be uncovered, and the Sir Knights (or a detachment of them) will form the "cross of steel" over the body, the Eminent Commander, with the Prelate, being at the head of the coffin and the other officers at the foot.

9. When more convenient or desirable, the part of the service before going to the grave, as here indicated, may be performed at the house of the deceased, or be deferred till at the grave.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES OF KNIGHTHOOD WILL BE CONDUCTED ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING

Ritual.

E. Commander. Sir Knights: In the solemn rites of our Order we have often been reminded of the great truth that we were born to die. Mortality has been brought to view, that we might more earnestly seek an immortality beyond this fleeting life, where Death can come no more forever. The sad and mournful funeral knell has betokened that another spirit has winged its flight to a new state of existence. An alarm has come to the door of our Asylum, and the messenger was Death, and none presumed to say to the awful presence, "Who dare approach?" A pilgrim-warrior has been summoned, and "there is no discharge in that war." A burning taper of life in our commandery has been extinguished, and none, save the High and Holy One, can relight it. All that remains of our beloved companion Sir Knight lies mute before us, and the light of the eye and the breathing of the lips, in their language of fraternal greeting, have ceased for us, forever, on this side of the grave. His sword, vowed only to be drawn in the cause of truth, justice, and rational liberty, reposes still in its scabbard, and our arms can no more shield him from wrong or oppression.

(The Sir Knights here return arms.)

It is meet, at such a time, that we should be silent, and let the words of the Infinite and Undying speak, that we may gather consolation from His revelations, and impress upon our minds lessons of wisdom and instruction, and the meetness of preparation for the last great change which must pass upon us all.

Let us be reverently attentive while Sir Knight, our Prelate, reads to us a lesson from the Holy Scriptures.

Prelate. Help, Lord! for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

Response. Help us, O Lord!

Prelate. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Response. Hear us, O Lord!

Prelate. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Response. Be nigh unto us, O Lord!

Prelate. The Lord redeemeth the souls of his servants; and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

Response. Redeem us, O Lord!

Prelate. For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

Response. Redeem us, O Lord!

Prelate. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave; for He shall receive me.

Response. Redeem us, O Lord!

Prelate. Wilt Thou show wonders to the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise Thee? Shall Thy loving kindness be declared in the grave, or Thy faithfulness in destruction?

Response. Save us, O Lord!

Prelate. We spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if, by reason of strength, they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off and we fly away. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Response. Teach us, O Lord!

Prelate. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no

more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him.

Response. Show mercy, O Lord!

Prelate. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory?

Response. O Death, where is thy sting? O Grave, where is thy victory?

Prelate. The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Response. Thanks be to God!

E. Commander. Shall the memory of our departed brother fade from among men?

Response. It is cherished in our souls forever!

E. Commander. Shall no record be left of his virtues and worth?

Response. It is inscribed upon our hearts; it is written in our archives; the heart may cease to throb, and the archives may moulder and decay; but the tablets of the Recording Angel on high can never perish.

The Recorder here opens the book of Records of the Commandery, on which a page is set apart, suitably inscribed, and says:

Thus it is written.

The Sir Knights uncover and bow their heads.

E. Commander. He was a true and courteous knight, and

has fallen in life's struggle full knightly with his armor on, prepared for knightly deeds.

Prelate. Rest to his ashes, and peace to his soul!

Response. Rest to his ashes, and peace to his soul!

Prelate. Sovereign Ruler of the Universe! into Thy hands we devoutly and submissively commit the departed spirit.

Response. Thy will be done, O God!

The following Hymn will be sung:

1. Precious in the sight of Heaven
   Is the scene where Christians die;
   Souls, with all their sins forgiven,
   To the courts of glory fly;
   Every sorrow, every burden,
   Every cross, they lay it down;
   Jesus gives them richest guerdon
   In his own immortal crown.

2. Here, above our brother weeping,
   Through our tears we seize this hope,
   He, in Jesus sweetly sleeping,
   Shall awake to glory up.
   He has borne his cross in sorrow—
   Weary pilgrim all forlorn:
   When the sun shines bright to-morrow
   'Twill reveal his sparkling crown.

3. Knights of Christ! your ranks are broken!
   Close your front, the foe is nigh!
   Shield to shield, behold the Token,
   As he saw it in the sky!
   By this Sign, so bright so glorious,
   You shall Conquer if you strive,
   And, like him, though dead, victorious
   In the sight of Jesus live.

The following PRAYER will then be made by the Prelate (or an extemporaneous prayer may be made by him, or by any clergyman present, as may be preferred):

FATHER OF LIGHTS! in this dark and trying hour of calamity and sorrow we humbly lift our hearts to Thee. Give us, we pray, that light which cometh down from above. Thou hast mercifully said in Thy holy word that the bruised reed Thou wouldst not break; remember in mercy, O Lord, us who are before Thee. [Be Thou, at this hour, the Father of the fatherless and the widow's God. Administer to them the consolations which they so sorely need.] Cause us to look away from the sad scenes of frail mortality to the hopes which lie beyond the grave, and bind us yet closer together in the ties of brotherly love and affection. While we see how frail is man, and how uncertain the continuance of our lives upon the earth, and are reminded of our own mortality, lead us, by Thy grace and spirit, to turn our thoughts to those things which make for our everlasting peace; and give us a frame of mind to make a proper improvement of all the admonitions of Thy providence, and fix our thoughts more devotedly on Thee, the only sure refuge in time of need. And at last, when our earthly pilgrimage shall be ended, "when the silver cord shall be loosed and the golden bowl be broken," oh wilt Thou, in that moment of mortal extremity, be indeed *Immanuel*—Christ with us; may "the lamp of Thy love" dispel the gloom of the dark valley, and we be enabled, by the commendations of Thy Son, to gain admission into the blessed Asylum above; and, in Thy glorious presence, amidst its ineffable mysteries, enjoy a union with the spirits of the departed, perfect as is the happiness of heaven and durable as the eternity of God. *Amen.*

Response. Amen, and Amen!

The procession will then form and march to the place of interment in the same order as before.

On arriving at the place, while forming in order, a suitable dirge or the following Hymn may be sung:

1. Softly, sadly, bear him forth
   To his dark and silent bed;
   Weep not that he's lost to earth,
   Weep not that his spirit's fled.

2. By our trials, hope and fear;
   By our anguish keenly felt;
   Let us trust God will be near
   When we're at His altar knelt.

3. This, our brother, gone before,
   May we in remembrance keep,
   Hoping, as time passes o'er,
   We shall meet where none e'er weep.

4. Sadly now we leave his form
   In the tomb to moulder still;
   Hoping, in th' eternal morn,
   Christ His promise will fulfil.

5. One last look, one parting sigh;
   Ah, too sad for words to tell;
   Yet, tho' tears now dim each eye,
   Hope we still, and sigh farewell!

On reaching the grave, the Sir Knights will form a triangle around it, the base being at the foot, the Eminent Commander and Prelate being at the head of the grave and the friends and relatives at the foot, and the services will thus proceed:

Prelate. Sir Knights: There is one sacred spot upon the earth where the footfalls of our march are unheeded; our trumpets quicken no pulse and incite no fear: the rustling of our banners and the gleaming of our swords awaken no emotion: it is the silent city of the dead, where we now stand. Awe rests upon every heart, and the stern warrior's

eyes are bedewed with feelings which never shame his manhood. It needs no siege, nor assault, nor beleaguering host to enter its walls; we fear no sortie and listen to no battle-shout. No warder's challenge greets the ear, nor do we wait awhile with patience for permission to enter.

Hither must we all come at last; and the stoutest heart and the manliest form that surrounds me will then be led a captive, without title or rank, in the chains of mortality and the habiliments of slavery, to the King of Terrors.

But if he has been faithful to the Captain of his salvation, a true soldier of the Cross—if he has offered suitable gifts at the shrine of his departed Lord, and bears the signet of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, then may he claim to be of that princely house, and to be admitted to audience with the Sovereign Master of heaven and earth. Then will he be stripped of the chains of earthly captivity and clothed in a white garment, glistening as the sun, and be seated with princes and rulers, and partake of a libation, not of death and sorrow, but of that wine which is drank forever new in the Father's kingdom above.

We cannot come here without subdued hearts and softened affections. Often as the challenge comes which takes from our side some loved associate, some cherished companion-in-arms, and often as the trumpet sounds its wailing notes to summon us to the deathbed and to the brink of the sepulchre, we cannot contemplate "the last of earth" unmoved. Each successive death-note snaps some fibre which binds us to this lower existence, and makes us pause and reflect upon that dark and gloomy chamber where we must all terminate our pilgrimage. Well will it be for our peace then if we can wash our hands, not only in token of sincerity, but of every guilty stain, and give honest and satisfactory answers to the questions required.

The sad and solemn scene now before us stirs up these

recollections with a force and vivid power which we have hitherto unfelt. He who now slumbers in that last, long, unbroken sleep of death was our brother. With him have we walked the pilgrimage of life, and kept watch and ward together in its vicissitudes and trials. He is now removed beyond the effect of our praise or censure. That we loved him our presence here evinces, and we remember him in scenes to which the world was not witness, and where the better feelings of humanity were exhibited without disguise. That he had faults and foibles is but to repeat what his mortality demonstrates—that he had a human nature, not divine. Over those errors, whatever they may have been, we cast, while living, the mantle of charity: it should, with much more reason, enshroud him in death. We, who have been taught to extend the point of charity even to a foe when fallen, cannot be severe or merciless toward a loved brother.

The memory of his virtues lingers in our remembrance, and reflects its shining lustre beyond the portals of the tomb. The earthen vase which has contained precious odors will lose none of its fragrance, though the clay be broken and shattered. So be it with our brother's memory.

The Junior Warden then removes the sword and hat from the coffin, which last will then be lowered into the grave, while the Prelate repeats as follows:

Prelate. "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me, shall never die." To the earth we commit the mortal remains of our deceased brother, as we have already commended his soul to his Creator, with humble submission to Divine Providence. (*Here cast some earth on the coffin.*) Earth to earth (*here cast again*); ashes to ashes (*here cast more earth*); dust to dust; till the morn of the resurrection, when, like

our arisen and ascended Redeemer, he will break the bands of death and abide the judgment of the great day. Till then, friend, brother, Sir Knight, farewell! Light be the ashes upon thee, and "may the sunshine of heaven beam bright on thy waking!"

Response. Amen, and Amen.

The Junior Warden then presents the sword to the Eminent Commander, who says:

E. Commander. Our departed brother Sir Knight was taught, while living, that this sword, in his hands, as a true and courteous knight, was endowed with three most estimable qualities: its hilt with *fortitude* undaunted; its blade with *justice* impartial; and its point with *mercy* unrestrained. To this lesson, with its deep emblematical significance, we trust he gave wise heed. He could never grasp it without being reminded of the lively significance of the attributes it inculcated. He has borne the pangs of dissolving nature—may we trust that it was with the same *fortitude* that he sustained the trials of this passing existence; to his name and memory be *justice* done, as we hope to receive the like meed ourselves; and may that *mercy*, unrestrained, which is the glorious attribute of the Son of God, interpose in his behalf to blunt the sword of divine justice, and admit him to the blessed companionship of saints and angels in the realms of light and life eternal!

Response. Amen, and Amen.

The Senior Warden then presents a cross to the Prelate, who says:

Prelate. This symbol of faith—the Christian's hope and the Christian's trust—we again place on the breast of our brother, there to remain till the last trumpet shall sound, and earth and sea yield up their dead. Though it may, in the past history of our race, have been perverted, at times, into an ensign of oppression, and crime, and wrong; though

it may have been made the emblem of fraud, and superstition, and moral darkness; yet its significance still remains as the badge of a Christian warrior. It calls to mind Gethsemane and its sorrowful garden; the judgment-hall of Pilate and the pitiless crown of thorns; Golgotha and Calvary, and their untold agonies, that fallen man might live and inherit everlasting life. If an inspired apostle was not ashamed of the cross, neither should we be; if he gloried in the significance of the truths it shadowed forth, so ought we to rejoice in it as the speaking witness of our reliance beyond the grave. May this hope of the living have been the anchor to the soul of our departed brother—the token to admit him to that peaceful haven "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest."

Response. Amen, and Amen.

The Prelate then casts the cross into the grave, and continues:

Prelate. The Orders of Christian Knighthood were instituted in a dark period of the world's history, but their mission was high and holy. To succor and protect the sorrowing and destitute, the innocent and oppressed, were their vow and their lifelong labor and duty. For long, long years they well and nobly performed their vows and did their devoirs. In those rude ages the steel blade was oftener the arbiter of justice than the judgments of judicial tribunals or the decrees of magistrates. So long as the Templars adhered to their vows of poverty, they were virtuous and innocent; and their language was, in truth, "Silver and gold have I none, but such as I have, give I unto thee." But, with the accession of wealth and civil power, they were tempted and fell from their high estate; and their possessions attracted the cupidity and their prowess incurred the hatred of the despots of those times. When the martyred De Molay had perished, and the Order was proscribed, they

united with the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, and returned to their primitive simplicity of manners; and a rough habit, coarse diet, and severe duty were all that were offered to their votaries.

In our land, we have perpetuated only the distinctive rites, with the appellations and regulations, of the defenders of the Holy Sepulchre—the early champions and soldiers of the cross—and this is a guerdon of merit, not a badge of rank. The sword, in our hands, is more as the symbol of the duties we have vowed to fulfil than as an instrument of assault or defence. We claim to exercise practical virtues in the holy bonds of our confraternity, in humble imitation of those renowned knights of the olden time; for there is still, in this refined age, innocence to be guarded, widowed hearts to be relieved of their burdens, and orphanage to be protected from the chill blasts of a wintry world. And to be true and courteous is not limited to any age or clime.

Our brother, whose cold and lifeless remains have just been committed to the earth, was one of our fraternal band, bound by the same ties and pledged to the same duties. To his bereaved and mourning friends and relatives we have but little of worldly consolation to offer, but we do tender them our heartfelt sympathies. And if the solemn and interesting ceremonies in which we have been engaged have not pointed them to a higher hope and a better consolation, then all our condolences would be in vain.

Sir Knight companions, let us pray:

Here all repeat the Lord's Prayer.

E. Commander. Attention, Sir Knights!

The lines are then formed, and the Cross of Steel made over the grave.

The Sir Knights may then escort the friends of the deceased to their home, or return to their Asylum, as may be expedient.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

1877.

ARTICLE I.

The Grand Encampment—Of Whom Composed.

Section 1. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States consists of the following members:

(1.) The Grand Master.
The Deputy Grand Master.
The Grand Generalissimo.
The Grand Captain-General.
The Grand Prelate.
The Grand Senior Warden.
The Grand Junior Warden.

The Grand Treasurer.
The Grand Recorder.
The Grand Standard Bearer.
The Grand Sword Bearer.
The Grand Warder.
The Grand Captain of the Guard—

the first nine of whom (except the Grand Prelate) shall be elected by ballot, and the remaining five shall be appointed by the Grand Master.

(2.) All Past Grand Masters.
All Past Deputy Grand Masters.
All Past Grand Generalissimos, and
All Past Grand Captains-General of the Grand Encampment.

(3.) All Grand Commanders.
All Past Grand Commanders.
All Deputy Grand Commanders.
All Grand Generalissimos, and
All Grand Captains-General of each Grand Commandery acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, each of whom shall be entitled, when present, to one vote, and no more (except as proxy), in all the proceedings of the Grand Encampment.

(4.) The first three officers of each commandery holding its charter immediately from the Grand Encampment, who, or as many of whom as may be present at any Conclave of the Grand Encampment, shall be entitled, collectively, to one vote.

Section 2. All officers of the late General Grand Encampment shall rank and have all the privileges of members of equal rank, as provided for herein.

Section 3. No person shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Encampment of the United States unless he shall be at the time a member of some subordinate commandery, under the general or immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

Proxies.

Section 4. The first four officers named in the first section, the first four officers of Grand Commanderies, and the first three officers of subordinate chartered commanderies, held under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, may appear and vote by *proxy;* said proxy being, at the time of service, a member of a subordinate commandery, and producing a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

Titles.

Section 5. The title and designation of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States is *Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar.*

That of the Deputy Grand Master, *Right Eminent.*

That of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment, *Very Eminent.*

Conclaves.

Section 6. A Grand Conclave of the Grand Encampment shall be held triennially, at such time and place as may have

been previously designated by the standing committee, and approved by the Grand Encampment.

Section 7. Special Conclaves may be called by the Most Eminent Grand Master at his discretion. And it shall be his *duty*, upon the requisition of the majority of the Grand Commanderies, to him directed in writing, to call a special Conclave.

Section 8. No business shall be transacted at a special Conclave, except that which was specified in the original summons.

Powers and Duties.

Section 9. 1. The Grand Encampment, at its regular Conclaves, shall review and consider all the official reports of its officers, and the proceedings of the Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies under its immediate jurisdiction, for the preceding three years.

2. It shall elect by ballot its several officers, except the Grand Prelate, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warder, and Grand Captain of the Guard, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master, to serve during his term of the office.

3. It shall adopt such Rules and Edicts as may be necessary for the good of the Order.

4. It shall examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.

5. It shall supervise the condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be necessary to increase, secure, and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost fidelity and punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safe keeping and paying over the funds and property of the Grand Encampment.

6. It may grant or withhold warrants, dispensations, and charters for new Grand or subordinate commanderies.

7. For good cause, it may revoke pre-existing warrants, charters, or dispensations.

8. It shall assign the limits of the Grand Commanderies, and settle all controversies that may arise between them.

9. And finally, it shall consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being, and perpetuation of the principles of Templar Masonry.

Section 10. At every Conclave, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer being entitled to one vote. In case the vote is equally divided, he has the casting vote.

Section 11. This Grand Encampment being a legislative body, acknowledging no superior, admits an appeal to be taken by any member from the decision of the Chair on any question under consideration therein: *Provided*, however, that such appeal shall not be maintained unless two-thirds of all the members present shall vote therefor.

This rule is adopted for this Grand Encampment alone, and is not to be construed as establishing a precedent for the guidance of any other Masonic body.

Tenure of Office.

Section 12. The Officers of the Grand Encampment shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

The Grand Master.

Section 13. It is the prerogative and duty of the Grand Master generally to exercise, as occasion may require, all the rights appertaining to his high office, in accordance with the usages of Templar Masonry.

And as a part thereof, he shall have a watchful supervision over all the commanderies, Grand and subordinate, in the United States, and see that all the constitutional enactments, statutes, and edicts of the Grand Encampment are duly and promptly observed.

And that the work and discipline of Templar Masonry everywhere are uniform throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment; and that the dress is uniform, unless otherwise ordered by the Grand Encampment.

Among his special duties and prerogatives are the following:

1. To appoint the Grand Prelate, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warder, Grand Captain of the Guard, to serve during his term of office.

2. To visit and preside in any commandery, Grand or subordinate, in the United States, and give such instruction or directions as the good of the order may require, always adhering to the Constitution, statutes and edicts of the Grand Encampment.

3. To cause to be executed, and securely to preserve and keep, the official bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.

4. To grant Letters of Dispensation, during the recess of the Grand Encampment, for the institution of new commanderies, such dispensations to be in force no longer than the next Triennial Conclave of that body, and promptly to notify the Grand Recorder of the issuing of said Letters of Dispensation.

5. To grant warrants during the recess of the Grand Encampment for the institution of Grand Commanderies in States, Districts, or Territories where the same have not been heretofore established.

6. To manage and control the contingent fund.

The Deputy Grand Master.

Section 14. The Deputy Grand Master, in the event of the death, removal, or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Master. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Encampment or the Grand Master.

The Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General.

Section 15. In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General shall severally act as Grand Master, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Encampment, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

The Grand Treasurer.

Section 16. 1. The Grand Treasurer, unless otherwise directed by the Grand Encampment, shall invest from time to time all such moneys as may come to his hands, belonging to the Grand Encampment, over and above the sum of three hundred dollars, in such way as he may judge most to the interest of the Grand Encampment, but subject to call on thirty days' notice. And the same shall be at his command on the first day of the month preceding the Triennial Meeting of the Grand Encampment.

2. He shall render to the Grand Encampment, at its triennial Conclaves, a true and perfect account of his doings in this respect, together with an account of all moneys received, and the earnings thereon accrued from investments, and the amounts disbursed by him during the vacation.

3. Also, a copy of the same to the Grand Master, by the first day of the month preceding the Triennial Meeting, to the end that the Grand Master may make such suggestions on account thereof as he may deem necessary.

4. He shall pay all drafts drawn upon the contingent fund by the Grand Master.

5. He shall carefully preserve, and render from time to time, as ordered, an inventory of all property belonging to the Grand Encampment intrusted to his keeping.

The Grand Recorder.

Section 17. 1. The Grand Recorder shall collect and receive all the revenue of the Grand Encampment, and pay over the amount to the Grand Treasurer whenever it reaches the sum of one hundred dollars.

2. He shall render, annually, to the Grand Master and to the Grand Treasurer, copies of his accounts of all moneys received and paid to the Grand Treasurer—naming the sources from which they were received—bringing up said accounts to the first day of September; *Provided*, that in the year in which the Conclave is held, it shall be rendered the first day of the month preceding;

3. And also, to the Grand Encampment, triennially, a general account of the same with his expenditures of the "contingent fund" of his office.

4. He shall forward to each newly constituted Commandery, immediately upon receiving official notice that a Dispensation has issued, a copy of this Constitution, together with whatever Statutes and Edicts are in force.

5. He shall report to the Grand Encampment, on the first day of each Triennial Meeting, the names of the Grand Commanderies and of those Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment which have not complied with the requisition to furnish him with its full annual historical and financial returns for the use of the Grand Encampment.

6. He shall report annually, on the first day of September, *except* the year of the Grand Conclave, when it shall be a month preceding, to the Grand Master, the names of the Grand Commanderies and those Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment which have not complied with the requisition to furnish its full annual historical and financial returns for the use of the Grand Master.

7. He shall open and keep a "Book of Templar Masonry," in which shall be entered, in appropriate columns, the following subjects:—

A. A Register of Commanderies—to contain,

I. 1. The date of issuing every Warrant for a Grand Commandery.

2. The date of issuing every Dispensation for a Subordinate Commandery, and—

3. The date of issuing every charter for a Subordinate Commandery,

Granted by authority of the Grand Encampment since its origin (1816).

II. 1. The Roll of Officers of the "Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta in England and Wales."

2. The Roll of Priories, and Officers of the "Great Priory of the United Orders of the Temple and Malta for the Dominion of Canada."

B. A Register of Membership.

I. The Roll of Officers of the Grand Encampment, with their terms of service, etc., since the origin of the same.

II. 1. The Roll of Elective Officers of the Grand Commanderies, terms of service, etc., from the organization of each.

2. The Roll of Officers of the Subordinate Commanderies working under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

3. With all the current changes resulting from dismission, suspensions, expulsions, and deaths.

C. Historical data, tending to complete the history of Templar Masonry in the United States.

I. 1. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, a copy of all the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment since its organization.

II. 1. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of the Proceedings of all the Grand Commanderies, from the organization of each.

2. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of the By-laws of all the Grand Commanderies.

3. To collect and bind in an orderly volume, impressions of the Seals of all the Grand Commanderies.

III. 1. To collect and bind in orderly volumes, copies of the By-laws of all the Subordinate Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

2. To collect and bind in an orderly volume, impressions of the seals of each Subordinate Commandery working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

8. And he shall also make a triennial report to the Grand Encampment of his official acts.

The Remaining Officers.

Section 18. The duties of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment are such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or such as may be assigned them by the Grand Encampment.

General Provisions.

Section 19. The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Captain General, are severally authorized to visit and preside in any Commandery of Knights Templar throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Institution may require, always adhering to the Constitution, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment.

Section 20. In the event of the absence of all the four principal officers of the Grand Encampment, the Past Grand Officers, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

Section 21. The Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder shall severally give bond, with sureties, in such form and to such an amount—but not less than double the estimated triennial receipts by either—as shall from time to time be determined by the Grand Master, who shall judge and ap-

prove the sufficiency of such bonds and sureties, and who shall keep and preserve the same.

Section 22. Any Grand Officer, save as above excepted, coming into the receipt of moneys or property belonging to the Grand Encampment, shall forthwith remit the same to the Grand Recorder.

ARTICLE II.

Grand Commanderies—How Constituted.

Section 23. Whenever there shall be three or more Subordinate Chartered Commanderies instituted or holden under this Constitution, in any one State, District, or Territory, in which a Grand Commandery has not been heretofore formed, a Grand Commandery may be formed, after obtaining the Warrant of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

Section 24. Its jurisdiction shall be the territorial limits in which it is holden.

Section 25. The Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is recognized as holding jurisdiction over both those States.

Of Whom Composed.

Section 26. A Grand Commandery consists of the following members:

(1.) The Grand Commander.
The Deputy Grand Commander.
The Grand Generalissimo.
The Grand Captain General.

The Grand Prelate.
The Grand Senior Warden.
The Grand Junior Warden.
The Grand Treasurer.
The Grand Recorder.
The Grand Standard Bearer.
The Grand Sword Bearer.
The Grand Warder, and
The Grand Captain of the Guard:

The first nine of whom shall be elected by ballot, and the remaining four shall be elected or appointed, as the Grand Commandery may direct.

(2.) All Past Grand Commanders.
All Past Deputy Grand Commanders.
All Past Grand Generalissimos, and
All Past Grand Captains General of the same Grand Commandery, so long as they remain members of the Subordinate Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction.

(3.) The Commander.
The Generalissimo, and
The Captain General of each Subordinate Commandery working under the same Grand Commandery.

(4.) All Past Commanders of the Subordinate Commanderies working under the same Grand Commanderies, so long as they remain members of Subordinate Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction; *Provided*, however, that when a Past Commander changes his member-

ship to a Subordinate of a different Grand Commandery, such Grand Commandery may elect him to membership therein, to continue as long as he is a member of a Subordinate Commandery under its jurisdiction.

Each of whom shall be entitled, when present, to one vote, and no more, (except as proxy,) in all the proceedings of the Grand Commandery.

Section 27. No person shall be eligible to any office in a State Grand Commandery unless he shall be at the time a member of some Subordinate Commandery working under the same Grand Commandery.

Proxies.

Section 28. Any officer specified in the twenty-sixth section, except Past Commanders, may appear and vote *by proxy*, said proxy being at the time of service a member of the same Subordinate Commandery as his principal, and producing a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

Titles.

Section 29. The title and designation of the Grand Commander of a State Grand Commandery is *Right Eminent.*

That of Deputy Grand Commander, *Very Eminent.*

Of the remaining officers of the Grand Commandery, *Eminent.*

Conclaves.

Section 30. Each Grand Commandery shall hold a regular Conclave annually, at such time and place as it may direct.

Section 31. Special Conclaves may be called by the Grand Commander.

Section 32. No business shall be transacted at a Special Conclave except that specified in the original summons.

Powers and Duties.

Section 33. (1.) Each Grand Commandery, at its Annual Conclave, shall review and consider all the official reports of its officers, and the proceedings of its subordinates for the preceding year.

(2.) It shall elect by ballot its several officers; *Provided*, that the Grand Standard Bearer, the Grand Sword Bearer, the Grand Warder, and the Grand Captain of the Guard may be elected or *appointed*, as the Grand Commandery may direct.

(3.) It shall have power to adopt such Rules and Edicts, subordinate to the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States, as may be necessary for the good of the Order.

(4.) It shall examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.

(5.) It shall supervise the state and condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto as may be necessary to increase, secure, and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safe keeping and paying over the funds and property of the Grand Commandery.

(6.) It may grant or withhold Dispensations and Charters for new Commanderies.

(7.) For good cause it may revoke any pre-existing Charter or Dispensation.

(8.) It may assign the limits of Subordinate Commanderies within its own jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them.

(9.) And finally, it shall consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being, and perpetuation of Templar Masonry, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

Section 34. At every Conclave, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer for the time being being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote.

Section 35. No appeal shall lie to the Grand Commandery from the decision of the Grand Commander, *except* on questions arising as to the construction of the Rules and Edicts of the Grand Commandery.

Tenure of Office.

Section 36. The several Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected and installed.

The Grand Commander.

Section 37. (1.) The Grand Commander shall have a watchful supervision over all the Subordinate Commanderies under his jurisdiction, and see that the Constitution, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment and the Constitution, Rules and Edicts of his own Grand Commandery, are duly and promptly observed.

(2.) He shall have the power and authority, during the recess of his Grand Commandery, to grant Letters of Dispensation to nine or more petitioners, residing within his jurisdiction, and possessing the constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Commandery.

(3.) Such Dispensations shall be in force no longer than the next Annual Conclave of his Grand Commandery.

(4) But no Letters of Dispensation for constituting a new Commandery shall be issued, save upon the recommendation of the Commandery in the same territorial jurisdiction nearest the location of the new Commandery prayed for.

(5.) During the recess of his Grand Commandery, he may suspend from the functions of his office any officer of the Grand or Subordinate Commandery, or arrest the Charter or Dispensation of a Commandery; but in neither case shall such suspension affect the standing in the Order of such officer, or his membership in the Commandery. And he shall report his action in full therein to the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery for its final action.

(6.) He may visit and preside at any Commandery within the jurisdiction of his Grand Commandery, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Constitution, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution, Rules and Edicts of his Grand Commandery.

(7.) It is his duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Encampment, and to see that the Grand Recorder *promptly* discharges the duty enjoined in Section 40 (3).

The Deputy Grand Commander.

Section 38. (1.) The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of death, removal, or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as the Grand Commander. At all other times, he shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery.

(2.) It is his duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Encampment.

Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General.

Section 39. (1.) In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain General shall severally act as Grand Commanders, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Commandery, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

(2.) It is their duty, either in person or by proxy, to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Encampment.

The Grand Recorder.

Section 40. (1.) The Grand Recorder shall make an annual communication to the Grand Recorder of each of the other Grand Commanderies, likewise to the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

(2.) Said communication shall embrace the Roll of Grand Officers, and such other matters as may conduce to the general good of the Order.

(3.) He shall forward to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, on or before the first day of August, of each year, *except* that in the year in which the Grand Encampment meets, the same shall be forwarded a month earlier, the Annual Returns and Dues for his Grand Commandery.

(4.) He shall also annually transmit to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States, copies of all its printed Proceedings, and of the Statutes, Rules and Edicts adopted by his Grand Commandery.

The Remaining Officers.

Section 41. The duties of the remaining officers, as well as those above specified, shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or allotted to them by the Grand Commandery, and corresponding as near as may be to those of the corresponding officers of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

General Provisions.

Section 42. In the event of the absence of the first four officers of the Grand Commandery, the past Grand Officers, according to the rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

ARTICLE III.

Subordinate Commanderies—How Constituted.

Section 43. Each Grand Commandery shall have exclusive power *to constitute new Commanderies* within its jurisdiction.

Section 44. The Grand Encampment shall have exclusive power to constitute new Commanderies within any State, District, or Territory, wherein there is no Grand Commandery regularly formed under the authority of the Grand Encampment.

Of Whom Composed.

Section 45. A Subordinate Commandery consists of the following members:

(1.) The Commander.
The Generalissimo.
The Captain General.
The Prelate.
The Senior Warden.
The Junior Warden.
The Treasurer.
The Recorder.
The Standard Bearer.
The Sword Bearer, and
The Warder.

(2.) As many members as may be found convenient for work and discipline; each of whom shall be entitled, when present, to one vote in the proceedings of the Subordinate Commandery.

Titles.

Section 46. The title and designation of the Commander of a Subordinate Commandery, is *Eminent.*

Conclaves.

Section 47. The stated Conclaves of a Subordinate Commandery shall be held at least semi-annually, at such time

and place as may be specified in the Charter, or designated in the By-Laws of the Commandery.

Section 48. Special Conclaves may be called by the Commander.

Section 49. No business shall be transacted at the Special Conclaves except that which was specified in the original summons.

Powers and Duties.

Section 50. At every Conclave, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer for the time being being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, he shall also give the casting vote.

Section 51. No appeal shall lie to the Commandery from the decision of the Commander.

Officers.

Section 52. The several officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and installed.

THE COMMANDER.

Section 53. (1.) The Commander has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Commandery are duly observed, as well as the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, and Edicts of the Grand Commandery, and of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

(2.) That accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered.

(3.) That regular returns are made to the Grand Encampment or Commandery, annually, and that the annual dues are promptly paid.

(4.) It is his duty, together with the Generalissimo and Captain General, either in person or by proxy, to attend all Conclaves of his Grand Encampment or of his Commandery.

THE RECORDER.

Section 54. (1.) It shall be the duty of the Recorder of every Subordinate Commandery, working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

(2.) To report annually to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, up to the first day of August, the Roll of his Officers and Members, and the Working Roll of his Commandery.

(3.) And to accompany the same with the amount of dues to the Grand Encampment; *Provided*, that in the year in which the Grand Conclave is held, these duties shall be reported a month preceding.

(4.) For failure herein, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to knightly discipline.

General Provisions.

Section 55. In the event of the absence of all the first three officers of the Commandery, the Past Commanders, according to rank and seniority of service, shall be empowered to preside.

ARTICLE IV.

Miscellaneous—Fees, Dues, and Finances.

Section 56. The Grand Commanderies, in such manner as they may respectively determine, shall annually collect and pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, an amount equal to *five cents* for each Sir Knight returned as a member of their respective Subordinate Commanderies, at the Conclave of the Grand Commandery preceding August the first in each year.

Section 57. This fund, with the Returns of the Grand Commandery, shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment on *or before* the first day of August in each year, *except* that in the year in which the Triennial Conclave is held, the Returns and Dues shall be forwarded the month preceding.

Section 58. The fee for instituting a new Commandery shall not be less than ninety dollars.

Section 59. For every Knight Templar created in any Commandery, whilst under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, there shall be paid two dollars into the treasury of the Grand Encampment.

Section 60. The Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment shall receive ten dollars as his fee for each Charter issued, and five dollars for indorsing, under the seal of the Grand Encampment, the extension of a Dispensation.

Section 61. The Grand Commanderies, respectively, shall

possess authority, upon the institution of new Commanderies within their respective jurisdictions—

(1.) To require from the several Commanderies within their respective jurisdictions such proportions of the sums received by them for conferring the Orders:

(2.) Also such sums, in the form of annual dues from their respective members, as may be necessary for supporting the Grand Commandery.

Section 62. No Subordinate Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than twenty dollars.

Grand Master's Contingent Fund.

Section 63. There shall be a Contingent Fund of three hundred dollars placed to the credit of the Most Eminent Grand Master, on the books of the Grand Treasurer, at the close of each Triennial Conclave, out of which the Grand Master shall reimburse himself for his necessary cash expenses in the performance of his constitutional duties, and make a triennial report of the same to the Grand Encampment.

Grand Recorder's Contingent Fund.

Section 64. There shall be appropriated at each Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, a sufficient sum to be used by the Grand Recorder to meet the current expenses of the secretariat, of which he shall render an account at the succeeding Triennial Conclave.

Royal Arch Masons only Eligible to the Orders.

Section 65. (1.) No Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, shall confer the Orders of Knighthood upon any one who is not a regular Royal Arch Mason, according to the requirements of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

Orders of Succession.

(2.) The rule of succession in conferring the Orders of Knighthood shall be as follows: 1. The Knight of the Red Cross. 2. Knight Templar, and Knight of Malta.

Commandery to have Dispensation or Charter.

(3.) Every Commandery working in a State, District, or Territory where there is a Grand Commandery, shall have a Dispensation or Charter from said Grand Commandery. And no Commandery hereafter to be formed or opened in such State, District, or Territory, shall be deemed legal without such Dispensation or Charter.

Without Charter, all Templar Communication Forbidden.

(4.) All Templar communication is interdicted between any Commandery working under the general or special jurisdiction of this Grand Encampment, or any member thereof, and any Commandery, or member of such, that may be formed, opened, or holden in such State, District or Territory, without such Dispensation or Charter.

Sojourner not Eligible to the Orders.

(5.) It shall be deemed irregular for any Commandery to confer the Orders of Knighthood, or either of them, upon any sojourner, whose place of residence is within any State, District or Territory, in which there is a Commandery regularly at work, until the consent of the Commandery having territorial jurisdiction is first obtained.

Discipline for Violation of (5.)

(6.) In the event of the violation of this interdict, the Commandery so offending shall be subject to knightly discipline, and be required to pay over to the Commandery having jurisdiction the amount of fees received for such admission.

Vow of Office.

(7.) The officers of every Commandery, Grand and Subordinate, before entering upon the exercise of their respective offices, shall take the following vow, viz.: "I (A. B.) do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America."

Proxies may Constitute.

(8.) The Grand Master of this Grand Encampment may issue his proxy to any Knight Templar in regular standing, authorizing him to constitute a Subordinate Commandery which has received a Charter; and any Commandery thus constituted shall be deemed regularly constituted.

Reading of the Journal.

Section 66. (1.) After the opening of the Grand Encampment, it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to read the journal of the last Triennial Conclave, unless such reading be dispensed with; and at the resumption of business in each successive morning session, the minutes of the preceding day shall also be read.

Committee on Credentials.

(2.) A Committee on Credentials, consisting of three, shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the opening of the Grand Conclave, to report at the opening of the next session.

Reports of Grand Officers.

(3.) After the report of this committee, the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, the Grand Captain General, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Recorder, will successively read the reports of their doings during the preceding three years.

These reports shall be referred to the Standing Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers, who may recommend the apportionment of such parts thereof to special, or to such other of the standing committees as they may deem necessary.

Standing Committees.

(4.) The Standing Committees shall be:—

1. A Committee on the Doings of the Grand Officers.

2. A Committee on Finance.

3. A Committee on Dispensations and New Commanderies.

4. A Committee on Unfinished Business.

5. A Committee on Grievances.

6. A Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.

7. A Committee to designate the place of the next Triennial Conclave.

8. A Committee on Printing, consisting of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Recorder, who shall determine, in the absence of a vote of the Grand Encampment, what portion of the proceedings shall be printed, and the style in which it shall be done.

The report of these committees shall be heard in order, except the seventh, which shall report on the last day of the Conclave of the Grand Encampment.

New Business.

(5.) While the several committees are preparing their reports the new business may be acted upon; and if any subject is brought forward requiring a reference to any standing or special committee, it shall be so referred forthwith.

All committees shall report as soon as convenient after their appointment.

Speak but Once.

(6.) No Sir Knight shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject, except to explain the meaning of

some of his remarks, *unless* it be by special permission of the Grand Encampment first obtained.

Election of Officers.

(7.) The Grand Encampment shall proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing three years, immediately after the opening of the first session, on Thursday following the commencement of the Triennial Conclave.

Exemplification of the Work.

(8.) It shall be the duty of the Grand Master at each Triennial Conclave, if time permit, to cause an exemplification of the work appertaining to the Orders of Knighthood before the Grand Encampment; and also to correct, officially, all irregularities and discrepancies that exist.

Amendments.

Section 67. The Grand Encampment shall be competent, upon the concurrence of three-fourths of its members present at any regular Conclave, to revise, amend, and alter this Constitution;

Provided, however, That any member intending to submit a motion relative to a change of the Constitution, Statutes, or Rituals, shall give notice thereof in writing, to the Grand Recorder, at least four months before the day on which the Grand Conclave shall be held, at which such subject is to be discussed, and notice thereof shall be inserted in the summons; otherwise no such motion shall be entertained.

Provided, further, That the proposed amendments may be modified in any manner by the Grand Encampment, while the same is under consideration. No modification, however, shall be made not germain to the matter contained in the original proposed amendment.

Attestation.

A true and faithful copy of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, as *revised* by the committee and adopted by the Grand Encampment, at the Triennial Conclave held at Cleveland, Ohio, August 30, A. D. 1877.

Theodore Sutton Parvin,
Grand Recorder.

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CODE OF STATUTES

AND

DIGEST OF TEMPLAR LAW.

SECTION I.

Appeal.

1. *Right of Appeal.*—An expelled or suspended Knight has the right of appeal to his Grand Commandery.

2. *Effect of Appeal.*—An appeal taken from expulsion, or indefinite suspension, does not suspend the judgment appealed from. In other cases an appeal operates as a *supersedeas.*

3. If the judgment appealed from be reversed, the Knight who was under discipline is thereby restored to good standing and membership in his Commandery.

4. A Grand Commandery, upon an appeal, may modify the judgment of its subordinates.

5. If a Grand Commandery shall restore an expelled or suspended Knight to good standing merely, the Grand Recorder shall give a certificate to that effect.

6. An appeal taken and abandoned, leaves the judgment in full force.

7. *Appeal, how Heard.*—A Grand Commandery acting upon an appeal may admit the appellant to argue his own case, although he may have been expelled by his Commandery.

8. An accused may be represented by counsel at all stages of the trial: *Provided*, such counsel shall be a Knight Templar in good standing.

9. *Appeal from the Grand Commandery.*—A decision of a Grand Commandery is final, and no appeal to the Grand Encampment can be taken, *unless* the decision involves a construction of the Constitution, Code of Statutes, or Edicts of the Grand Encampment.

Appeal from Assessments.—See title "*Assessments.*"

SECTION II.

Absentees.

Rights of.—A member of a Commandery has the right to know all the transactions at the conclaves of his Commandery, whether affecting himself or not.

SECTION III.

"Adjourn."

Grand Bodies do.—The Grand Encampment and Grand Commanderies "*adjourn.*"

SECTION IV.

Assessments.

1. *May be Levied.*—A Commandery, Grand Comman-

dery, and the Grand Encampment, respectively, has the right to levy and collect such *pro rata* assessments as may be needed to pay the expenses of the body.

2. In the absence of any special law, a majority vote may determine the propriety of an assessment and the amount thereof: *Provided*, however, a member of a Subordinate Commandery may appeal to his Grand Commandery, if he feels aggrieved by such assessment, and claims that it is in violation of Templar law.

SECTION V.

Ballot.

1. *To be Secret.*—The ballot upon a petition for the Orders, or for membership, must be secret, and it must be sacred; and it can be taken only at a stated conclave, unless by written permission of the Grand Commander.

2. *Who is to Vote.*—Every member present when a ballot is taken is required to vote, unless excused by the Commandery before the balloting has commenced.

3. *When it may be Repeated.*—An Eminent Commander, upon good cause shown, may order one re-ballot, before the result of the ballot has been recorded, and before any member of the Commandery has left the asylum.

Objections to.—See title "*Objection after Ballot.*"

SECTION VI.

Business.

Where and when Transacted.—All business of the Commandery must be transacted in the asylum, and at a stated

conclave; or at a special conclave, due notice of such conclave and of the business to be transacted having been given to each member of the Commandery. Arrangements for the funeral of a Knight may be made, and the orders may be conferred, at special conclaves.

SECTION VII.

Burial.

1. *Ritual for.*—When a Knight is buried by his Commandery, the burial ceremony approved by the Grand Encampment in 1859 must be observed.

2. *Right of.*—An unaffiliated Knight Templar is not entitled to the honors of Knightly burial.

3. *When by Lodge.*—A Commandery may perform escort duty at the burial of a Knight by his lodge, when so requested.

Ceremonies.—See title "*Ritual.*"

SECTION VIII.

Charter.

1. *Necessity of Warrant of Grand Master.*—A Grand Commandery cannot be constituted without the Warrant of the Grand Master, although the Grand Encampment has authorized its formation.

2. A Subordinate Commandery cannot be constituted without a duly executed Charter.

3. *Loss of.*—If a Commandery should lose its Charter, the Grand Commander can authorize it to hold conclaves

and transact business, by issuing an order setting forth the facts; which order shall have the effect of a Charter until a duplicate shall be issued by the Grand Commandery.

4. *When it may be Surrendered.*—No Commandery can surrender its Charter so long as there are nine members of the Commandery who desire and are able to work under said Charter, according to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery.

5. *When Surrendered or Arrested, Status of Members.*—When the Charter of a Commandery shall have been surrendered or arrested, the members thereof in good standing shall, upon payment of their dues to the Grand Commandery, be entitled, upon proper application, to a Certificate of such good standing from the Grand Recorder having charge of the books and effects of the Commandery: *Provided*, however, in case of the arrest of the Charter, the Grand Commander may suspend, and the Grand Commandery may prohibit the issuing of such certificates to those whose actions or neglect of duty may have caused the arrest of the Charter.

6. *Surrendered and Restored.*—A Charter surrendered or arrested cannot be granted to form a new Commandery, but may be restored to the former members in good Templar standing, who are unaffiliated.

7. In this case it is not proper to constitute the Commandery again.

SECTION IX.

Commanderies.

1. *Requisites for Forming.*—A Dispensation, or Charter

to form a new Commandery cannot be granted except upon a petition of at least nine Knights Templar in good standing.

2. Petitioners for a new Commandery need not dimit from other Commanderies.

See title "*Membership, Petitioners*," etc.

3. The petition for a Dispensation must have indorsed upon it the recommendation of the Commandery nearest the location designated for the new one.

4. If the new Commandery is to be stationed in a city where there is more than one Commandery, two of those located in such city must recommend the petition.

See title "*Meetings—Where held.*"

5. *Travelling Commanderies.*—No Dispensation or Charter can be granted to organize a travelling or itinerant Commandery.

6. *Under Dispensation.*—A Commandery Under Dispensation cannot be constituted.

7. *Extinct Commanderies cannot be Revived.*—When a Commandery U. D. ceases to exist, it cannot be revived.

8. *Officers of, not to be Elected or Installed.*—Its officers cannot be elected or installed.

9. *Cannot be Represented.*—It cannot be represented in a Grand Body.

10. *Jurisdiction of.*—Except as above specified, it has the same rights and powers as a chartered Commandery.

11. *Status of Knights Created in.*—Knights created in a Commandery U. D. are members thereof, and sustain the exact relation to that Commandery and to other Templars which is sustained by those Knighted in chartered Commanderies.

12 *How Affected by the Formation of Grand Commanderies.*—When a Grand Commandery is formed in a jurisdiction in which there is a Commandery U. D., the latter comes at once under the authority of the former, and should report to it, and obtain from it, or its Grand Commander a continuance of its Dispensation.

13. *How Created.*—A Commandery is created by the grant of a Charter, which is the proper evidence of the fact, and becomes effective only when the Commandery shall have been constituted under it.

See title "*Charter—Necessity of Warrant of Grand Master.*"

14. No Commandery shall be constituted until it is provided with a suitable asylum, properly furnished.

15. When constituted, report thereof should be made to the Grand Master or Grand Commander (as the case may be) and the Grand Recorder.

16. *Officers of—When to be Installed.*—The officers can only be installed after the Commandery shall have been duly constituted in the presence of at least nine of its members.

17. The officers of a Commandery which has not been constituted, are not members of the Grand Commandery, and cannot vote therein, although the Charter of their Commandery has been issued.

18. *Duty when Grand Commandery is Formed.*—Upon the formation of a Grand Commandery, it is the duty of every Subordinate within its jurisdiction to enrol itself under such Grand Commandery, have its Charter indorsed thereby, and to obey its Constitution and Statutes.

19. *Can belong to no other Grand Commandery.*—A Subordinate Commandery cannot be under the authority of, or belong to, any Grand Commandery but the one having jurisdiction over the State, Territory, or District in which it is located.

20. *Failure to Meet—Effect of.*—A Commandery failing to meet for twelve consecutive months forfeits all of its rights as a Commandery, and its Charter should be arrested.

21. *Dissolution of a Grand Commandery—Effect of.*—If a Grand Commandery should dissolve, its subordinates do not for that cause cease to exist, but pass at once under the immediate authority of the Grand Encampment.

22. *When may Appear in Public.*—Commanderies shall not appear in public, as such, without permission of the Grand Commander, except upon funeral occasions.

23. When Commanderies appear in public, in their own State or out of it, they are under the immediate authority of the Grand Commander, if he chooses to assume the command. If he is not present, the officer upon whom, under the Constitution, his duties devolve, may act in his place. But all are under the authority of the Grand Commander in whose jurisdiction they may at the time be.

Commanderies Illegal.—See title "*Illegal Commanderies.*"

Jurisdiction of.—See title "*Jurisdiction.*"

24. *How Conclaves Terminate.*—Subordinate Commanderies "close,"—they do not "call off" or "adjourn."—See title "*Adjourn.*"

Charter must be Present.—See title "*Warrant.*"

Uniform of.—See title "*Uniform.*"

SECTION X.

Confer Orders.

Who can.—In the absence of the Eminent Commander, the Generalissimo, and in the absence of both, the Captain General, and in the absence of all three, the Past Commander according to seniority of service, may preside, and confer the Orders of Knighthood. [See Proceedings 1877, 3, page 172.]

Costume.—See title "*Uniform.*"

Dub and Create.—See title "*Confer Orders,*" *ut supra.*

SECTION XI.

Debate.

How closed.—When the presiding officer wishes the debate to close, he rises; and that ends the discussion.

SECTION XII.

Decisions.

Decisions of Grand Master, etc., to be Digested.—All decisions of the Grand Master, as approved or modified by the Grand Encampment, and all decisions of the Grand Encampment to be digested and published as a Supplement to

the Code of Statutes. The digest to be made by a "Special Committee." [See Proceedings 1877, pp. 182, 186.]

SECTION XIII.

Dimits.

How Granted.—A member of a Commandery may receive a dimit without a vote of the Commandery, at a stated conclave, upon request made in open Commandery: *Provided*, his dues shall have been paid, and no charges are pending against him.

Effect of.—See titles "*Rank—Of Officers*," "*Burial—Right of.*"

SECTION XIV.

Elections.

1. *How Held.*—All elections, in all Templar bodies, must be by ballot.

2. *Blanks Void.*—Blanks are not votes, and cannot be considered as such in the election of officers.

SECTION XV.

Eminent Commander.

1. *How Suspended.*—An Eminent Commander may be suspended by his Grand Commander, or the officer acting as such, in his own State, or out of it with his Commandery; and this suspension continues until revoked by the Grand Commander, or revesred by trial. But suspension from office does not affect his membership in his Commandery.

2. *Trial of.*—An Eminent Commander cannot be tried by his own Commandery, but by the Grand Commandery, and by the Grand Encampment where there is no Grand Commandery.

SECTION XVI.

Extinct Commanderies.

How may become so.—See titles "*Commanderies—Failure to Meet;*" "*Charter—When Surrendered,*" etc.

How Revived.—See title "*Charter—Surrendered and Restored.*"

Revived, not to be Constituted.—See title "*Charter—Surrendered and Restored.*"

Status of Members of.—When a Commandery has ceased to exist, its members may join another Commandery, upon petition, and certificate from the Grand Recorder of the State holding the Charter and papers of the extinct Commandery, that his standing therein was good when said Commandery ceased to exist.

Charter, when it may be Surrendered.—See title "*Charter—When it may be,*" etc.

SECTION XVII.

Expulsion or Suspension.

1. *By Commandery—Effect of.*—The suspension or expulsion of a Knight by his Commandery deprives him of all the rights and privileges of Knighthood, so long as the judgment remains in force.

2. *By Lodge or Chapter.*—Expulsion or suspension from

his *Masonic rights*, by his Lodge or Chapter, deprives a Knight of all rights and privileges in his Commandery, and of all intercourse with the Order.

3. In such case, a certificate of the Lodge or Chapter, of its action, must be filed with the Recorder of the Commandery, and a minute should be made of the reception of such certificate, and of its legal effect, to wit; that the Knight is thereby divested of his Knightly rank and of all its privileges.

4. The certificate from the Lodge or Chapter must show not only the fact of suspension or expulsion, but also that the body had jurisdiction.

5. If a certificate of the facts cannot be obtained from the Secretary of the Lodge or Chapter, they may be proved by oral testimony; and the same entry should be made as required in paragraph 3.

6. When the expulsion or suspension is made or confirmed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, as the case may be, the Commandery cannot go behind the record or adjudicate upon the question of jurisdiction.

7. *How Removed.*—A Knight who has been expelled by his Commandery may be restored by a two-thirds vote to good standing.

8. If suspended by his Commandery, a majority vote will restore to good standing.

9. In either case of suspension or expulsion by his Commandery, the Knight can be restored to membership only upon petition and unanimous ballot.

10. When the suspension or expulsion from the Comman-

dery was the result of suspension or expulsion by Lodge or Chapter, a certificate of his restoration in the body which disciplined him will restore the Knight to good standing and membership.

11. In case of suspension, the restoration of the Knight to his lodge or chapter restores him to Knightly standing.

SECTION XVIII.

Fees.

Cannot be Remitted.—The prescribed fees for the Orders of Knighthood cannot be remitted by a Commandery, directly or indirectly.

SECTION XIX.

Foreign Knights.

Not Red Cross.—A Knight Templar created in a foreign jurisdiction, and who has not received the Order of Red Cross, may, at his examination, take the vow and have that Order communicated to him, and thereafter may be admitted to the asylum.

Foreign Representatives.—See title "*Representatives*," etc.

SECTION XX.

Grand Commanderies.

1. *How Formed.*—A Grand Commandery can be formed only in a State, Territory or District, where none exists, and only upon petition of at least three Charter Commanderies.

2. The Warrant of the Grand Master is necessary, although the Grand Encampment may have authorized a Warrant to be issued.

3. Each Subordinate Commandery must be represented, and there must be at least nine members present.

4. When a Warrant is duly issued, a convocation of the representatives of at least three of the petitioning Commanderies is held; the Warrant of the Grand Master is read; credentials are examined and approved; a resolution is adopted agreeing to form a Grand Commandery; a Code of statutes is adopted; and officers are elected and installed. All of these proceedings must be entered upon the journal; and due report thereof made to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

5. The Commanderies rank according to the dates of their Charters; and the Eminent Commander of the oldest Commandery is, by courtesy, entitled to command or preside until a Grand Commander is elected and installed.

6. *When Grand Commandery Ceases to Exist.*—A Grand Commandery once formed continues to exist as long as it has nine members; when the number of its constitutional members becomes less than nine, it becomes extinct.

SECTION XXI.

Healing.

1. *How Done.*—Healing consists in re-obligating the Knight, and correcting what has been done amiss at his creation.

2. *By Whom.*—The Grand Commandery or Grand Com-

mander (by its authority), in whose jurisdiction a Knight was irregularly created, has power to heal him.

3. This power may be delegated to a Subordinate Commandery or an Eminent Commander.

4. *Who cannot be Healed.*—One Knighted in a clandestine manner or in a spurious Commandery cannot be healed.

Honorary Members.—See title "*Membership—Honorary.*"

SECTION XXII.

Illegal Commanderies.

Without Dispensation or Charter.—All Commanderies or pretended Commanderies are spurious unless held under a Dispensation, or Charter, as herein prescribed; and all communication with such bodies is forbidden, and also all recognition and intercourse with their members as Knights.

SECTION XXIII.

Information.

How Obtained.—Knights desiring information relative to any point in law or usage of Templar Masonry, should apply to their Eminent Commander; the Eminent Commander, if necessary, shall apply to his Grand Commander, and the Grand Commander, in turn, to the Grand Master.

SECTION XXIV.

Install Officers.

1. *Of Grand Encampment—Who may.*—The officers of the Grand Encampment may be installed by the Grand

Master or by a Past Grand Master. If none such are present, then by the oldest Past Grand Commander (by service) who may be present.

2. *Of Grand Commandery.*—The officers of a Grand Commandery may be installed by either of the first four officers of the Grand Encampment, by a Past Grand Master, by the Grand Commander, or by a Past Grand Commander. If none such are present, then by the oldest Past Eminent Commander (by service) who may be present.

3. *Of a Subordinate Commandery.*—The officers of a Subordinate Commandery may be installed by any permanent member of the Grand Encampment, by either of the first four officers of the Grand Commandery, by the Eminent Commander, or by a Past Eminent Commander.

The ceremony used in each case, shall be that prescribed by the Grand Encampment in the "Forms for Installation."

4 *When to be.*—The officers of a new Commandery cannot be installed at the conclave of the Grand Commandery at which the Charter is granted, unless the Commandery shall have first been legally constituted, and such officers shall have been duly elected.

5. When the installation is performed by one in office, no special authority is required.

6. When by a past officer, the commanding officer must be present authorizing it, or his written proxy must be produced.

7. The officers to be installed cannot be represented by a proxy.

Officers U. D., not to be.—See title "*Commanderies—Under Dispensation.*"

8. *When by Commission.*—Officers elect of the Grand Encampment, or of a Grand Commandery, who cannot be present at the regular time for installation, may be installed in such Commandery as the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery, respectively, may designate.

9. The Recorder of the Commandery in which such installation shall take place, shall forthwith certify the fact to the Grand Recorder.

SECTION XXV.

Jurisdiction.

1. *Boundaries of.*—In the absence of a Statute of the proper Grand Commandery, or of a special Edict of the Grand Encampment, defining the limits of each Commandery, the jurisdiction thereof, whether chartered or under dispensation, extends in all directions to one-half the distance, by a direct line, between itself and the next nearest Commandery: *Provided*, that in no case can it extend beyond the limits of the State, Territory or District in which it is located.

2. Each Commandery has penal jurisdiction over all Knights non-affiliated, as well as affiliated, for violation of moral or Templar law within its territorial jurisdiction.

3. *Violation of.*—It is not lawful for a Commandery to confer the Orders upon any one residing within the jurisdiction of another Commandery, without first obtaining the permission of such Commandery.

4. *Over Sojourners.*—When a petition for the Orders is received from a sojourner, or from one who has not resided for six months within the jurisdiction of the Commandery,

it is the duty of the Commandery receiving it to notify the Commandery within whose jurisdiction the petitioner resided, and obtain its consent that jurisdiction shall be exercised over the petition and the petitioner.

5. It shall be competent, in such cases, for a Commandery to waive its jurisdiction, and permit another Commandery to confer the Orders upon one residing within its jurisdiction.

SECTION XXVI.

Meetings.

1. *Where Held.*—A Commandery can hold its conclaves only in the place designated in its Dispensation or Charter.

2. A Commandery may remove its asylum from one house to another in the same place, by vote of a majority of its members present at a stated conclave, and after due notice of the proposed change.

3. If the regular asylum of a Commandery, from any cause, becomes an unfit or improper place for holding the conclaves, the Grand Commander may authorize them to be held elsewhere in the same place.

Failure of.—See title "*Commanderies—Failure to Meet.*"

SECTION XXVII.

Membership.

1. *Who are Members of a Commandery.*—Those who receive the Order of the Temple in a Commandery are *ipso facto* members thereof, whether such Commandery be chartered or under dispensation.

2. *Petitioners for a New Commandery—Status of.*—After a Dispensation is granted to form a new Commandery, the membership of the Knights who petitioned therefor remains in abeyance as to the older Commanderies to which they belonged when signing the petition. They become active members of the Commandery while under dispensation, and when a Charter is granted, and the Commandery constituted, they continue to be members of the new Commandery, and cease to be members of the old one.

3. If the Dispensation should be withdrawn, or a Charter refused, the Knights who petitioned therefor resume their membership in their former Commanderies, without petition or other ceremony.

4. When a Charter is granted and the Commandery constituted, the Recorder of the new Commandery must certify the fact to each Commandery to which any of the petitioning Knights belonged, and this will terminate their former affiliation.

5. Honorary membership does not confer the right to vote, nor any rank or standing therein, but is merely complimentary.

SECTION XXVIII.

Offices.

1. *Incompatible.*—When any one of the first three officers of a Commandery shall be elected and installed as Grand Master or Grand Commander, his rights and powers as such subordinate officer, for the time being, *ipso facto*, ceases, and the vacancy shall be filled as hereinafter provided for. [See Proceedings 1877, page 174.]

2. *Succession of.*—When a vacancy occurs in the office

of Eminent Commander, the powers and duties devolve upon the Generalissimo, and if there should be no Generalissimo, upon the Captain General.

3. When there is no officer in line to fill a vacancy, the commanding officer shall, by appointment, fill the vacancy *pro tem.*

4. If a vacancy occur in any elective office, other than that of Eminent Commander, the Grand Commander may authorize a new election, upon request to that effect by the Commandery: *Provided*, however, in case of a vacancy in both the offices of Eminent Commander and Generalissimo, the Captain General shall succeed to the duties and powers of the Eminent Commander, without an election.

5. When the vacancy is in one of the appointive offices, it shall be filled by appointment by the commanding officer.

6. *Failure to be Installed.*—If any officer duly elected or appointed shall, without reasonable excuse, neglect to attend at the time fixed for installation, his election or appointment may be declared void by a vote of the body which elected him, or by the officer who appointed him.

7. *Change of Residence—Effect of.*—Whenever a Grand Commander or an Eminent Commander changes his residence to a place beyond the jurisdiction of his Grand Commandery, he thereby vacates his office, and can exercise its powers no longer.

Rank of.—See title "*Rank—Of Officers.*"

Who may Resign.—See title "*Resign.*"

SECTION XXIX.

Objection After Ballot.

1. *Who may make.*—A member of a Commandery in good standing may object to the conferring of the Orders upon an elected candidate; and this, whether the objecting Knight was present when the ballot was taken or not.

2. When such objection is made, either in open Commandery or to the Eminent Commander, the Orders cannot be conferred; and the fact of objection alone, and not the name of the objector, should be entered upon the minutes, and it is equivalent to the rejection of the candidate by ballot.

3. The objecting Knight cannot be required to disclose his reasons therefor.

4. *Of Visiting Knights.*—Objections to a candidate may be received from a visiting Knight, and should be duly considered by the Commandery; but they are not conclusive, like those of a member.

SECTION XXX.

Petition for Orders.

1. *Form of.*—Every petition for the Orders of Knighthood shall declare the Lodge and Chapter in which the petitioner received the degrees, and shall state whether he has or has not been previously rejected by any Commandery.

2. It shall also declare that the petitioner is a firm believer in the Christian religion.

3. *Must be Signed.*—No petition can be received unless signed by the applicant in person, giving his full name, residence, and occupation.

4. *But one Applicant to Sign a Petition.*—No petition can be received which is signed by more than one applicant.

5. *To be Recommended.*—Each petition must be signed by two vouchers and recommenders who are members of the Commandery to which the petition is presented.

6. *Cannot be Withdrawn.*—When a petition has been presented to a Commandery, it cannot be withdrawn unless it shall appear that the Commandery has not jurisdiction over the petitioner.

7. *Report not to be Recorded.*—The character of the report of a committee of inquiry, whether favorable or unfavorable, should never be recorded.

8. *Unfavorable Report—Effect of.*—An unfavorable report does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot, which must be taken in all cases.

9. *When to be Received and Acted on.*—Petitions can be received or acted on only at stated conclaves, *unless* by written permission of the Grand Commander.

10. No ballot can be had upon a petition until after it has been referred to a committee of three members of the Commandery, and that committee has reported.

11. A petition cannot be balloted on until at least four weeks after it has been presented to the Commandery, *unless* by written permission of the Grand Commander.

See title "*Ballot—To be Secret.*"

12. *When a Rejected Petition may be Renewed.*—In the absence of any statute by the governing Grand Commandery to the contrary, the petition of one who has been rejected cannot be renewed until at least six months after such rejection.

13. *Where.*—It may then be received by the Commandery in whose jurisdiction the petitioner then resides: *Provided*, the Commandery by which he was rejected consents to waive its jurisdiction.

Prelate in Red Cross.—See title "*Red Cross—High Priest.*"

SECTION XXXI.

Proxy.

In Grand Bodies.—No person can give or act as proxy, except those upon whom the power is conferred in the Constitution.

Officers cannot be Installed by.—See title "*Install Officers—When by Proxy.*"

Installing Officer may Grant—When.—See title "*Install Officers—When by Commission.*"

SECTION XXXII.

Qualification for Orders.

What Required.—See title "*Petition for Orders—Form of.*"

1. *Council Degrees, etc., not Necessary.*—It is not necessary that petitioners should have received the degrees of Royal and Select Master.

2. Nor is it necessary that the petitioner be a member of either Lodge or Chapter.

3. *Loss of a Leg, etc.—Effect of.*—The loss of a leg or arm by a petitioner disqualifies him from receiving the Orders of Knighthood.

SECTION XXXIII.

Quorum.

What Constitutes.—A quorum in the Grand Encampment, Grand Commanderies, and subordinate Commanderies, consists of nine members entitled to vote therein, including an officer entitled to open the body.

SECTION XXXIV.

Rank.

1. *Of Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate.*—Commanderies—Grand and Subordinate—take rank according to the date of their several organizations, unless any of them voluntarily waive their proper rank.

2. *Of Officers.*—Election (or appointment) and installation are necessary to confer rank.

3. The Standard Bearer outranks the Sword Bearer, and the Sword Bearer outranks the Warder, and the Treasurer outranks the Recorder.

4. Present officers on duty in their own bodies outrank past officers of any grade.

5. A Knight dimitting to the jurisdiction of another Grand Commandery, forfeits his membership and right to voice and vote in the Grand and Subordinate Commandery

of which he had been a member, and acquires no rank in the Grand Commandery of the jurisdiction in which he has affiliated, but "a Past Commander may be elected to membership therein."

6. But Past Grand Commanders do not lose their membership in the Grand Encampment by change of membership to another jurisdiction, nor by becoming unaffiliated.

7. *Honorary Membership.*—Honorary membership confers no rank.

SECTION XXXV.

Resign.

1. *Who may Resign.*—Any officer of a Commandery under dispensation may resign, with the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Commander, respectively.

2. Neither of the first three officers of a chartered Commandery can resign after installation.

Repeating the Ballot.—See title "*Ballot—When it may be repeated.*"

SECTION XXXVI.

Red Cross.

From Foreign Countries.—See title "*Foreign Knights.*"

High Priest, not Prelate.—In the Council of Red Cross Knights, "High Priest" is the title of the officer ministering at the altar.

Revival of Old Charter.— See title "*Charter—Surrendered and Restored.*"

SECTION XXXVII.

Representatives.

Foreign, not to be Appointed by Grand Commanderies.—Grand Commanderies cannot exchange representatives with Templar organizations outside of the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

SECTION XXXVIII.

Ritual.

Not to be Altered.—The Ritual as promulgated by the Grand Encampment cannot be altered or abridged by the Grand Master, Grand Commander, or Grand Commandery.

For Burial.—See title "*Burial—Ritual for.*"

For Installation.—See title "*Install Officers,*" etc. And Forms adopted by the Grand Encampment.

SECTION XXXIX.

Seal.

Form of, Adopted.—The seal of the Grand Encampment is that adopted September 12, 1844, (see Reprint, page 95,) and altered September 15, 1856, (Reprint, page 311,) and affixed to the Constitution, Edition 1856, and Attestation, 1877.

SECTION XL.

Summons.

1. *What is Legal.*—A notice published in the newspapers is not a legal summons; it must be by personal service, or

by notice left at the residence or place of business of the person summoned, or deposited in the post-office, directed to his usual address.

2. *Seal Necessary.*—It is necessary that the seal should be affixed to a summons—but not to a notice of a conclave.

3. *Knights Should Obey.*—Every Knight should promptly and strictly obey the summons of his Commander.

4. *Contain Notice, etc.*—All propositions to amend Code, &c., must be inserted in Summons to attend Triennial Conclave.

Suspension.—See title "*Expulsion or Suspension.*"

SECTION XLI.

Title.

What Constitutes.—One who has filled by election and a term of service an elective office, retains the rank and title, with the word "Past" prefixed—as Past Eminent Commander, Past Grand Commander, Past Grand Master, etc.

Of Prelate.—See title "*Red Cross—High Priest.*"

SECTION XLII.

Trial.

1. *How Conducted.*—Trials of Sir Knights shall be in open Commandery; and the Eminent Commander shall preside, and decide all questions of law and all questions upon the admissibility of evidence. And the trial shall be conducted as prescribed in the "Forms for Templar Trials" enacted and promulgated by the Grand Encampment.

2. When a trial takes place in the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commander shall preside; when in the Grand Encampment, the Grand Master shall preside.

See titles "*Appeal—How heard;*" "*Eminent Commander—Trial of.*"

SECTION XLIII.

Unaffiliated Knights.

Cannot Vote.—Unaffiliated Knights cannot vote in person or as proxy, or hold office in any Commandery, Grand or Subordinate. They are, however, amenable for violation of moral or Templar law, to the Commandery within whose jurisdiction they reside.

Effect of Dimit.—See titles "*Burial—Right of;*" "*Rank—Of Officers;*" "*Dimit—Effect of.*"

Cannot have Knightly Burial.—See title "*Burial—Right of.*"

SECTION XLIV.

Uniform.

1. *Of Knights Templar.*—The uniform of a Knight Templar is that prescribed by the Grand Encampment in 1862. No other uniform is allowed, and no authority other than the Grand Encampment can modify or alter it.

2. *Provided*, however, that all members of Commanderies which now have what is known as the "black uniform," be permitted to wear it while members of said Commandery; but no other Commandery, nor the members thereof, shall be authorized or permitted to wear any other than the Regulation prescribed in 1862.

3. *Provided, further*, that any Commandery in a State where the black uniform is worn, may, by permission of its Grand Commandery, adopt and wear such black uniform.

4. No officer or member can be present in the Grand Encampment, or in a Grand Commandery, unless in full Templar uniform, except by the vote of the body excusing him.

5. *Of Knights of the Red Cross.*—The Templar baldric reversed, exhibiting the green side, Templar cap covered, sword, and white gloves, constitute the uniform of a Red Cross Knight. The Sovereign Master wears the royal robes and crown, and the High Priest his full robes, etc.

Of Knights of Malta.—Same as Knights Templar.

Under Dispensation—Commandery.—See title "*Commanderies—Under Dispensation.*"

Vacancies—How Filled.—See title "*Officers—Succession of.*"

SECTION XLV.

Visiting Knights.

Objection of a Member Excludes.—No visiting Knight can be admitted to an asylum if one only of the regular members present objects. The objection may be made openly or privately to the Eminent Commander, and in neither case can the objector be required to disclose his reasons for his objection.

SECTION XLVI.

Warrant or Dispensation.

Must be Present.—The Dispensation or Charter of a Commandery must always be present at the opening and throughout the conclave.

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Containing a Digest of the Decisions of the Conclaves of A. D. 1874 and 1877.

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1877.

I. AMENDMENTS.

Proposed amendments to the Constitution or Code, of which notice is given in the Summons, may be acted upon by the Grand Encampment, in the absence of the proposer. 1877.

II. ASSESSMENTS.

An assessment for social entertainments cannot be enforced against one not participating. 1874.

III. BOOKS OF THE GRAND TREASURER AND THE GRAND RECORDER.

The books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder shall be submitted, at each conclave, for the inspection of the "Finance Committee." 1877.

IV. BY-LAWS.

1. A by-law, fixing annual dues, and providing that members in arrears for two years, shall be ineligible to office and not entitled to vote, and that their names may be dropped from the rolls, subject to being reinstated on payment of arrearages, by a majority vote. 1874.

2. But a member should be disfranchised only after due trial, and the by-law should make provision therefor. 1877.

V. COMMANDERY.

1. The funds and property of an extinct Commandery become the property of the Grand Commandery, which may make such disposition thereof as it deems proper. 1877.

2. It is improper for a Commandery to "call off" from one conclave to another; but it may close to meet on another day to finish business that is pending. 1874.

3. A Commandery "of the indispensable number" may be authorized by a Grand Commander or Grand Commandery, as well as by the Grand Master or Grand Encampment. 1874.

VI. COMMANDERIES U.·. D.·.

1. The provision, requiring the recommendation of the nearest Commandery in order to form a new one, does not apply to Dispensations granted by the Grand Master, who has absolute power in the premises. 1874.

2. A Commandery U.·. D.·. requires no formal proceedings in order to commence work; the members assemble, and proceed as if regularly constituted. 1877.

3. Their officers ordinarily hold office during the continuance of the Dispensation; but the Grand Master [or Grand Commander] has the power to relieve an officer and appoint another. 1874.

4. Such dues may be collected from the members as the majority of the Commandery may determine. 1874.

5. Any signer of the petition for a Dispensation, by consent of the officer granting the same, and of the Commandery, may dissolve his connection with it; and, thereupon, his membership revives in his old Commandery. 1874.

6. The petitioners for a Dispensation become Charter members, unless they have severed their connection with the Commandery U.·. D.·. [or their names are omitted from the Charter by action of the Grand Commandery]. 1877.

7. It is not proper to name the officers in the Charter of a new Commandery. 1874.

8. It can be constituted only by the Grand Master, or Grand Commander, or his duly appointed proxy. 1874.

9. It cannot elect officers until it has been constituted; to save time, however, at the constitution of the Commandery, it is not improper to agree upon the officers in advance, and have a merely *formal* election at that time. 1874.

VII. COMMITTEES (STANDING) APPOINTED IN ADVANCE.

1. The Grand Master is authorized to appoint the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence at each conclave, to act during the recess and at the succeeding conclave.

2. And the remaining of the Standing Committees sixty

days previous to each conclave—notifying the Grand Recorder of said appointments.

3. The decisions of the Grand Master shall be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and,

4. The Grand Recorder shall place the Financial and all other reports and official papers in the hands of the chairman of the proper committee [under the direction of the Grand Master] thirty days previous to the conclave.

5. The several committees so appointed, shall have their reports ready for submission to the Grand Encampment the first day of its conclave. 1877.

VIII. COMPLAINTS.

Complaints should be made in the first instances to the Eminent Commander, and through him to the Grand Commander, and through him to the Grand Master, if the latter has any jurisdiction in the case. Other communications should go through the same channel, save in special cases, when the officer refuses to act. 1874.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE.

1. It is proper for the Grand Master to correspond through one of his staff, with a Grand Commander. 1877.

2. Correspondence between subordinates of different Grand Commanderies, should be forwarded through their respective Grand Commanders. 1877.

X. DECISIONS.

The decisions of a Grand Commander are binding on his subordinates as soon as known, and an officer who has positive knowledge of such decision, is as much bound by it as if it had been delivered directly to him. 1877.

XI. DUES.

A Commandery cannot exempt a member from all yearly dues by a vote to that effect, or by electing him an honorary member. 1877.

XII. FUNERAL.

1. A Commandery cannot appear in public at the funeral of any other than a Templar, without the permission of the Grand Commander. 1877.

2. It is not proper for a Commandery, as escort, to attend the funeral of any one who is not buried with Masonic ceremonies. 1877.

XIII. GRAND COMMANDERY.

1. To form a Grand Commandery, at least three Commanderies must be represented in the convention; but Past Commanders may participate in the convention and be counted in making the required number of Knights. 1877.

2. The membership of a Grand Commandery cannot be enlarged or restricted from that prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Encampment. 1874.

3. Any member of a Subordinate Commandery is eligible to office in the Grand Commandery. 1874.

4. A member can have but one vote in his own right, in a Grand Commandery; nor can he vote personally in one capacity, and by proxy in another. 1874.

5. Hence an officer of a Subordinate Commandery, although the others are absent, cannot [in the Grand Commandery] cast more than one vote, unless he holds the duly authenticated proxies of the absent officers. 1877.

6. No person, other than those named in the Constitution of the Grand Encampment as members of a Grand Commandery, can vote therein in his own right, by virtue of any

authority whatever; nor as proxy of any other than a member of his own Commandery, who, under the provisions of that Constitution, is a member of the Grand Commandery and authorized to appoint a proxy. 1874.

XIV. INSTALLATION.

It is not necessary for a re-elected officer to be installed, as he holds over, by virtue of his former election and installation, until his successor is installed. 1877.

XV. JEWEL OF PAST GRAND MASTER.

The form of the Jewel prepared for Past Grand Master Fellows [see Proceedings, with engraving], is adopted as the appropriate Jewel of a Past M.·. E.·. Grand Master of Knights Templar of this Grand Encampment. 1877.

XVI. JURISDICTION.

I. *Territorial.*—1. The jurisdiction of a Commandery [except when otherwise specially provided] extends half way to the nearest Commandery in the same jurisdiction; and a Commandery U.·. D.·., while its Dispensation is in force, has the same jurisdiction as a Chartered Commandery. 1874.

2. A Companion, residing in any Territory in which there is no Commandery, may apply to any Commandery for the Orders; but when there is a Commandery in such Territory he can apply elsewhere only by its permission, the Grand Master having no power in the premises. 1874.

II. *Personal.*—1. A rejected candidate cannot apply to another Commandery, without the consent of the one by which he was rejected. 1877.

2. The same rule applies to an elected candidate who fails to present himself to receive the Orders. 1877.

XVII. MEMBERSHIP.

1. An unaffiliated Knight is not entitled to Templar honors; but the Commandery may grant them, or it may withhold them without breach of knightly duty. 1874.

2. The "honorary membership" named in the Code, refers to the election, as an honorary member, by one Commandery, of the member of another. 1877.

3. The election of a member of the same Commandery as an honorary member, deprives him of none of the rights of active membership. 1877.

4. A plan of Life Membership approved. See Proceedings of 1874, page 50. 1874.

XVIII. MINUTES.

At the close of every conclave, the minutes should be read, corrected, and approved; they should be entered on the record before the next stated conclave, when the journal should be read, corrected, and approved by the Commandery, and signed by the Recorder. 1874.

XIX. MONEYS—HOW PAID OUT.

No money belonging to the Grand Encampment shall be paid out, *except* upon a warrant or order signed by the Grand Master, and attested by the Grand Recorder. 1877.

XX. OBJECTION AFTER BALLOT.

An objection after ballot may be withdrawn before it has been entered on the minutes; after that, the only course is

to present a new petition in the same manner as if the rejection had been by ballot. 1877.

XXI. OFFICERS.

1. By election and installation as Grand Commander, any one of the first three officers in a Commandery vacates his office. [See Code, "OFFICES—*Incompatible.*"] 1877.

2. Section XXVIII of the Code applies to such a vacancy in the same manner as it applies to other vacancies. 1877.

XXII. PAST COMMANDER.

A Past Commander, when presiding in the absence of the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General, may confer the Orders. 1877.

XXIII. PETITIONS.

1. Petitions must contain what is prescribed by the Code of Statutes. No Commandery has the right to add new requirements. 1877.

2. They cannot be acted upon in less than four weeks from their presentation, without the Special Dispensation of the Grand Commander, even if the Commandery holds stated conclaves weekly. 1877.

3. The report thereon must be in writing [but not entered upon the minutes], and the proper entry is "the committee, etc., presented their report, whereupon a ballot was had." 1877.

4. When the Eminent Commander has good reason to believe that there has been an error in announcing the acceptance of a candidate, he may, by permission of the Grand Commander, order a new ballot, first giving notice, to all the members, of the time when it will be taken. 1877.

XXIV. PRINTING REPORTS IN ADVANCE.

The Grand Recorder shall cause to be printed, in advance of each conclave, a sufficient number of copies of the reports of the Grand Officers, for the use of the committees and members, that each member present at the conclave shall have a copy. 1871, 1877.

XXV. PUBLIC PARADES.

1. The Grand Encampment will accept no invitation to unite in a Templar parade during its conclave.

2. It prohibits any of its members from participating therein during such conclave, *except* to escort the Grand Encampment at the opening session of the conclave.

3. The Grand Encampment requests the Grand Commandery, within whose jurisdiction it may hold its conclave, to prevent any Templar parade in the city where the conclave is held on any day thereof after the first. 1874, 1877.

XXVI. QUALIFICATIONS FOR ORDERS.

1. If the candidate can give all the signs, and go through all the ceremonies, he is eligible, and not otherwise; and the Eminent Commander and members of the Commandery are the judges of his eligibility under this rule. 1874.

2. But the Commandery should be more exacting than the Lodge or Chapter, and the petitioner should be capable of enduring pilgrimage and warfare, and should not by his presence mar the symmetry of a parade. 1877.

3. No Commandery or Grand Commandery has the right to add or take from the qualifications of candidates prescribed in the Constitution and Code of the Grand Encampment. 1877.

4. Hence the Council Degrees are not prerequisite, and membership in Lodge or Chapter is not required. [See Code, XXXII.] 1877.

XXVII. QUORUM.

A quorum being present, the vote of a less number is valid. 1874.

XXVIII. RESTORATION.

The provisions of the Code, in relation to restoration, apply to cases of suspension for a *definite* time, as well as to suspension for an indefinite time. 1877.

XXIX. SEAL.

The officers of a Commandery have the right to order its seal affixed to any certificate or other documents, which they can legally issue in the name of the Commandery. 1874.

XXX. SUMMONS.

A summons in a Subordinate Commandery should be used only in cases of urgent necessity. 1874.

XXXI. SUSPENSION.

1. Suspension for non-payment of dues, by the Lodge or Chapter, has the effect given to it by the laws of the Grand Lodge, or Grand Chapter of the jurisdiction; it depends upon those laws whether all *Masonic rights* are taken away, or certain disabilities are incurred. Templar rights are taken away in the former case, but not necessarily in the latter. 1874.

2. But striking from the roll, without trial, is not suspension. 1874.

3. Suspension for non-payment of dues can be inflicted by the Commandery only after due notice to the delinquent, and an opportunity to be heard in his defence. 1877.

4. Suspension by Lodge or Chapter does not deprive his Commandery of jurisdiction to try him for other offences, committed either before or after his suspension. 1877.

XXXII. TITLE.

No past officers, except the presiding officer of a Grand or Subordinate Commandery, retain their official title. 1877.

XXXIII. TRIALS.

1. Trials must take place in open Commandery, as provided in the Code. A committee may be appointed to take the depositions of such witnesses only as cannot be examined in open Commandery, to be returned to the Commandery. 1877.

2. But it is not proper to refer the charge to a committee for consideration; nor for a committee, appointed to take testimony, to digest it or report any conclusions thereon. 1877.

XXXIV. UNIFORM.

1. The uniform is prescribed by a Statute, and no Knight, Commandery, or Grand Commandery has any right to add to or take from *this* Statute, any more than any other Statute of the Grand Encampment. 1877.

2. All Past Grand Officers are entitled to wear the Templar Cross. 1874.

3. The wearing of shoulder straps is limited to the officers enumerated in the Statute. 1877.

4. The Grand Encampment cannot act upon any proposed

change in the uniform, unless notice thereof is given in the Summons as provided in the Constitution. 1877.

XXXV. VISITORS.

1. The objection of one member excludes a visitor, *unless* he visits in an official capacity. 1874.

2. A visitor must be examined in all the preceding degrees, as well as in the Orders, *unless* vouched for in whole, or in part. 1874.

XXXVI. VOTE.

By the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, all questions [*except* upon the acceptance of candidates and in suspensions, etc., and restorations of Knights] are decided by a majority vote. 1874.

XXXVII. WORK—FORM OF MINUTE.

To change from the Commandery to the Council, the proper entry is, "The Commandery of Knights Templar was then closed and a Council of Knights of Red Cross was opened;" and to change the other way, the entry is, "The Council of Knights of Red Cross was closed and a Commandery of Knights Templar opened." 1877.

ATTESTATION TO THE CODE AND DIGEST.

A true copy of the "Code of Statutes" of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, adopted at the Triennial Conclave, held in 1874, and amended in 1877, with

A faithful copy of the "Supplement to the Code of Statutes," or Digest of Templar Law, being a Digest of the

Decisions of the Triennial Conclaves of A.D. 1874 and 1877, made by the Special Committee, and adopted at Cleveland, August 28–30, A.D. 1877.

Witness my official signature and the Seal of our Grand Encampment, at Iowa City, this 30th day of December, A.D. 1877, A.O. 759, and of the Grand Encampment, the sixty-second.

[SEAL.]

T. S. PARVIN,
Grand Recorder.

GENERAL ORDER No. 2.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Sir Knight Vincent Lumbard Hurlbut, M.·. E.·. Grand Master:

To all our Grand Officers, the Grand Commanders of our Grand Commanderies, and the Eminent Commanders of Commanderies holding Charters immediately from our Grand Encampment—*Greeting:*

WHEREAS, At the Triennial Conclave of our Grand Encampment, held in the City of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, on the 5th day of December, A.D. 1874, a committee was appointed to revise the Constitution of A.D. 1856, as subsequently amended; and

WHEREAS, The "Constitution," as revised by said committee, received the unanimous concurrence of the members of the Grand Encampment at the Triennial Conclave held in the City of Cleveland, in the State of Ohio, on the 30th day of August, A.D. 1877; and

WHEREAS, At the Conclave of 1874 aforesaid, the Grand Encampment did adopt a "Code of Statutes," which was amended in the constitutional manner by the Grand Encampment at the Conclave of 1877 aforesaid; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Encampment at the Conclave of 1877 aforesaid, ordered that all the Decisions of the Grand Master, as approved or modified by the Grand Encampment, and all Decisions of the Grand Encampment, be digested and published as a "Supplement to the Code of Statutes," or Digest of Templar Law:

Now, therefore, This edition of 1877 of the "Constitution," "Code of Statutes," and "Supplement to the Code of Statutes," or Digest of Templar Law, prepared under the direction of the Committee on Revision, the committee to digest the decisions, and our Grand Recorder, is hereby *officially proclaimed and promulgated as now in force for your government and the Sir Knights under your respective jurisdictions.*

Done at Chicago, this 30th day of December, A.D. 1877, A.O. 759.

BY THE GRAND MASTER.

Attest:

{ L.S. } My hand and the seal of our Grand Encampment, at Iowa City, this 31st day of December, A.D. 1877, A.O. 759.

THEODORE S. PARVIN,
Grand Recorder.

FORMS

FOR

TEMPLAR TRIALS.

To Sir Knight Vincent L. Hurlbut, M.·. E.·. Grand Master, etc.:

M.·. E.·. Sir and Frater:—Herewith is submitted for consideration, the report required of the Special Committee, appointed by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, at its last Triennial Conclave, to prepare "Forms for Templar Trials."

In its preparation much aid has been derived from the labors of those who have preceded us in this department, and especially are we indebted to that distinguished Knight, Right Eminent Sir John W. Simons, P.·. G.·. C.·., etc., from whose work on this subject we have largely drawn for our material, as well as for the "forms" which we have presented.

Courteously submitted,

John Frizzell, *Chairman.*
J. P. Hornor,
J. P. S. Gobin,
J. E. Cobb,
R. F. Bower.

January, 1878.

FORMS FOR TEMPLAR TRIALS.

HOW CONDUCTED.

Trials of Sir Knights must be in open Commandery; and the Eminent Commander presides, and decides all questions of law and all questions upon the admissibility of evidence.

When a trial takes place in the Grand Commandery, the R.·. E.·. Grand Commander presides; when in the Grand Encampment, the M.·. E.·. Grand Master presides, and these officers, in such cases, decide all questions of law and all questions upon the admissibility of evidence.

The taking of the testimony may be in open Commandery at the time of the trial, or by a committee appointed for the purpose, whose report is submitted to the Commandery at or before the time of the trial.

The jurisdiction of a Commandery in penal cases extends to *all "non-affiliated" Knights within its territorial jurisdiction*, as well as over members of the Commandery.

CHARGE.

To the Eminent Commander and Knights of ———— *Commandery, No.* —, *Knights Templar:*

Sir A—— B——, a *Knight Templar* and *member of this Commandery*, is hereby charged with *immoral* and *unknightly* conduct.

Specification I. That the said A—— B——, on the —— day of —— 18—, at ———, in the County of ———, State of———, did ———— ———— in violation of his knightly vows and to the scandal and disgrace of the Orders of Knighthood.

——— ———, 18—. C——— D———.

This form must be varied according to the facts of each particular case. Additional specifications should be inserted as the circumstances require. It is of importance, and in some instances absolutely necessary, that the *time*, *place* and *circumstances* constituting the offence should be given with precision and accuracy.

The foregoing form may be used in all that class of cases which may be investigated by Subordinate Commanderies.

The charge must be preferred by an affiliated Knight Templar, and when presented, which must be done in open Commandery, the question is upon its reception, which being agreed to, it then devolves upon the

Commandery to fix the time for the accused to appear before the Commandery and answer thereto. A summons is then issued, requiring the accused to appear at the time specified and answer the charge. This summons, together with a copy of the charge and specifications, shall be served on the accused by the Recorder or some Knight Templar, in good standing, designated for that purpose.

If the accused evades service, or absconds, or is absent from the territorial jurisdiction of the Commandery, the summons should be served by leaving a copy at his last place of residence, or by mailing a copy to the accused, at his last known post office. This course shall be pursued as to all notices to which the accused is entitled during the proceedings. However, when it can be done, personal service must be had in all cases.

SUMMONS.

——————— Commandery, No. —,
Knights Templar.
——— ———, 18 —.

Sir A—— B——:

You are hereby summoned to attend a Conclave of this Commandery, to be holden at its Asylum, on the —— day of ———, 18—, at —— o'clock —. m., to make answer to a charge and specifications preferred against you at a Conclave of said Commandery, holden on the —— day of ——, 18—. A copy of said charge and specificatians is hereto attached.

——— ———,
Eminent Commander.

{L. S.} *Attest:* ——— ———,
Recorder.

At the time named in the summons, the charge and specifications must be read in open Commandery, and the accused, either in person or by counsel, may file objections, in writing, to the jurisdiction of the Commandery; to the defective nature of the specifications, or others of like character, as may be thought proper. These objections will be at once acted upon, and such orders made in relation thereto as may be proper. If overruled, the accused must then file his answer, in writing. If he pleads guilty, the Commandery shall proceed to fix the penalty, as herein

required. If the plea is not guilty, the Commandery must then determine whether the testimony shall be heard in open Commandery, or taken by a committee appointed for that purpose. When this is determined, the facts should be stated on the records of the Commandery.

If the accused fails to appear, the Commandery may appoint some Knight Templar, in good standing, as counsel, to conduct his defence, and then proceed with the investigation as if a plea of not guilty had been filed; or it may proceed against the accused for contempt in not obeying the summons.

ANSWER.

A—— B——, in person, denies the charge preferred against him by Sir C—— D——, and every matter and thing contained in the several specifications of the same, and demands trial thereon.

——— ———, 18—. A—— B——.

The answer will vary, of course, according to the facts. One specification may be admitted and another denied, or all of them may be admitted, and matters set up in extenuation or excuse, in which event the testimony will be confined to the matters thus set up.

If the testimony is to be heard in open Commandery, a time should be designated therefor; if before a committee, it should be at once appointed, and either party may object to any member thereof, stating his reasons therefor to the Eminent Commander, who may, in his discretion, make another appointment.

The Recorder of the Commandery must then serve the accused, in the manner hereinbefore prescribed, with notice, in substance as follows:

NOTICE.

Sir A—— B——.

A charge and specifications having been preferred against you at a Conclave of ——————— Commandery, No. ——, Knights Templar, and you having made answer thereto, said Commandery will proceed to hear the testimony and act upon said charge and specifications, at a Conclave thereof, to be holden at its Asylum, on the ——— day of ———, 18—, at ——— o'clock —.m.; (or, *a committee, consisting of Sir E——F——, Sir G—— H——, and Sir I—— J——, has been*

appointed to take the testimony. Said committee will meet for that purpose at ———, *on the* ——— *day of* ———, 18—, *at* ——— *o'clock* —.M.)

——— ———, 18—.

——— ———,

L. S. *Recorder.*

A reasonable time should be given the accused to appear.

At the time and place named in the notice the committee should meet and organize by appointing one of its number chairman, and also a secretary, who need not necessarily be one of the committee, but must be a Knight Templar.

The accuser and the accused are then admitted, with their counsel, if they have any. A Knight Templar, in good standing, may act as counsel, but none other. The charge and specifications are then to be read and the answer thereto.

The next step, unless the witnesses are in attendance at the request of the parties, is to issue, at the request of either party, process to secure the attendance of the witnesses. The committee should fix the times of meeting, and meet at such times as will secure a prompt investigation, and at the same time not require such haste as may do injustice to any.

SUMMONS FOR WITNESSES.

To Sir ——— ———.

You are hereby summoned and required to attend, as a witness, before ———— Commandery, No. ——, Knights Templar, at a Conclave to be holden at its Asylum, on the —— day of ———, 18—, at —— o'clock —.M. (or, *before a committee of* ——— *Commandery, No.* ——, *Knights Templar, appointed to take testimony, at a meeting to be held by said committee, at* ———, *on the* —— *day of* ——— 18—, *at* —— *o'clock* —.M.), then and there to testify as to the charge and specifications against Sir A—— B——, and this you will in nowise omit.

——— ———, 18—. ——— ———,

Eminent Commander.

L. S. *Attest:*

——— ———,

Recorder.

This may be made to answer for several witnesses, and can only be used for Knights Templar; others attend, if at all, before a committee, and at their option. This summons may be served by furnishing a copy to each of the witnesses, or may be read over to the witnesses by some Knight Templar, in good standing, appointed by the Eminent Commander for the purpose.

The examination of witnesses, one at a time, will next follow, first in behalf of the prosecution, and then for the defence. The questions asked, and the answers given by the witnesses, are to be written down *verbatim;* first the direct, and then the cross-examination; and when the deposition is concluded, it should be read over to the witness and signed by him.

Knights Templar, in good standing, give their testimony under the sanction of their vows. Others give their testimony upon their pledge of honor, as judicial oaths cannot be administered in such proceedings.

No proof is competent, except that which tends to prove or disprove the charge; nothing but the offence set out in the specifications is to be proved or attempted. Hearsay evidence cannot be admitted. Witnesses must speak from their own knowledge, or not at all.

The object of a trial being to ascertain the exact truth in regard to the charge preferred, no mere technicality should be permitted to influence the decision.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

IN THE MATTER OF
SIR A—— B——.

The committee appointed to take testimony on the charge and specifications preferred against Sir A—— B——, a copy of which is herewith submitted, marked A, assembled at ————, on the —— day of ———, 18—, pursuant to appointment.

Present: Sir E—— F——, Sir G—— H——, and Sir I—— J——, committee, and also Sir A—— B——, the accused; Sir —— ——, the accuser, and Sir —— ——, Sir —— ——, and Sir —— ——.

Sir E—— F—— was requested to act as chairman of the committee, and Sir —— —— as secretary.

The charge and specifications were then read, and the answer thereto.

At the request of the accuser, Sir —— ——, a Knight Templar, in good standing, was admitted as counsel to assist in the prosecution.

At the request of the accused, Sir —— ——, a Knight Templar, in good standing, was admitted as counsel to assist him in his defence.

For the prosecution the following witnesses were examined: Sir —— ——, Sir —— ——, and —— ——. Their depositions are herewith submitted, marked B, C, and D.

For the defence the following witnesses were examined: Sir —— ——, Sir —— ——, and —— ——. Their depositions are herewith submitted, marked E, F, and G.

The questions raised upon the admissibility of evidence are noted in the depositions.

The testimony being closed, the committee notified the parties that its report would be submitted to ———— Commandery, No. ——, Knights Templar, at a Conclave thereof, to be holden on the —— day of ———, 18—, which is accordingly done.

Courteously submitted.

——— ———, 18—.

E—— F——, *Chairman.*
G—— H——,
I—— J——,
Committee.

Attest:

——— ———, *Secretary.*

It is at the option of the committee whether it will admit any one to be present other than the parties, their counsel, and the witnesses testifying. However, none but Knights Templar, in good standing, should be admitted, except witnesses not Knights Templar, and while they are testifying.

When the report is presented, the Commandery should determine whether it will, at that time, proceed with the trial, or whether the same shall be postponed, at the request of either party for cause shown, or for any other sufficient reason. A trial should not be had at any Conclave unless all the resident members have been summoned to attend.

While the trial takes place, the report of the committee, and all the accompanying documents, should be read. The parties concerned, or their counsel, may then comment thereon, if they so desire. The accused must then retire, and the accuser must also retire, unless the charge has been preferred by him in the discharge of a duty imposed, by the Commandery upon him, as an officer or committeeman thereof.

The Commandery then proceeds to consider the matter in the following manner:

"Is the charge sustained?" is the first question, and it should be taken on each specification, if there are more than one, and if decided in the affirmative as to any one or more of the specifications, the Commandery then proceeds, by vote, to determine what punishment shall be inflicted. This is done by putting the question:

1. "Shall the accused be expelled?" If this is decided in the negative;

2. "Shall the accused be indefinitely suspended?" If this is decided in the negative;

3. "Shall the accused be definitely suspended?" If this is decided in the affirmative, then, on motion, the time of suspension shall be determined by vote; but if the question is decided in the negative;

4. "Shall the accused be reprimanded?" Which, of course, the other questions, as to punishment, having been negatived, will be decided in the affirmative, the charge having been sustained, and reprimand being the lightest punishment which can be inflicted. It would be error in a Commandery to sustain a charge and then refuse to inflict any punishment.

All questions arising in Templar trials, shall be determined by a majority of votes, the presiding officer being entitled to one vote. In case the votes are equally divided, the presiding officer shall also give the casting vote. The vote is to be taken in such manner as the Commandery may, at the time, determine; however, the secret ballot, ball, or paper, is preferable.

When the matter is disposed of by the Commandery, the Recorder should, at once, give notice thereof to the accused.

NOTICE OF JUDGMENT.

To Sir A—— B——:

Take notice, that the foregoing is a copy of the action of ——— Commandery, No. —, upon the charge preferred against you by Sir C—— D——, as the same appears upon the records of the Commandery.

——— ———, 18—.

——— ———,
Recorder.

{L. S.}

An expelled or suspended Knight may appeal to the Grand Commandery. Notice of the appeal must be given within thirty days after service of the notice of judgment, and the appeal, giving the grounds relied upon, must be filed with the Recorder of the Commandery within ten days thereafter, and a copy of the notice and appeal forwarded, at once, to the Grand Recorder.

NOTICE OF APPEAL.

To ——— ——, *Recorder of* ——————— *Commandery, No.*—, *Knights Templar:*

Take notice, that I shall bring an appeal from the action of said Commandery, on the ——— day of ———, 18—, in passing sentence of ——— on me, to the Grand Commandery Knights Templar, of the State of ————, on the grounds to be stated in my appeal.

——— ———, 18—. A—— B——.

APPEAL.

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of ———:

The undersigned hereby appeals to you from the decision of ——— Commandery, No. —, made on the —— day of ——, 18—, in passing sentence of ——————— on him, and he specifies the following as the grounds of his appeal.

1st. That ————————————————————————————

2d. That ————————————————————————————

——— ———, 18—. A—— B——.

When the appeal is filed with the Recorder, the Commandery should cause an answer thereto to be prepared and furnished with the transcript.

ANSWER TO APPEAL.

——————— Commandery, No. —, answers the appeal of A—— B——, and says:

1st. That ————————————————————————————

2d. That ————————————————————————————

——— ——, 18—.

——— ———,
Eminent Commander.

{L. S.} *Attest:*

——— ———,
Recorder.

The Recorder of the Commandery, when an appeal is taken, must prepare a transcript of the proceedings had on the trial, and forward the same to the Grand Recorder previous to the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery. In the preparation of a transcript, the Recorder should be very careful to give fully and exactly all that transpired on the trial, giving full copies—never, unless ordered by the Commandery as to some particular document, sending up original papers. The transcript should be made in a plain, legible handwriting, and fastened at top of paper, and the Recorder should, under the seal of the Commandery, certify to the correctness of the transcript.

CERTIFICATE TO TRANSCRIPT.

I, ——— ———, Recorder of ———— Commandery, No. ——, Knights Templar, do certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and perfect transcript of all the records and proceedings had by said Commandery, upon the charge preferred by Sir C———— D————, against Sir A———— B————, as the same appears upon the records of said Commandery, and on file in the archives thereof.

{ L. S. } In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of said Commandery, this, the ——— day of ———, A.D. 18—, A. O. ———.

——— ———,
Recorder.

Eminent Commanders and Recorders should examine with great care the Constitution, Edicts, and Statutes of the Grand Encampment, and the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commanderies of their respective jurisdictions, upon the subject of trials and appeals, and should strictly conform thereto, varying the foregoing forms as the circumstances and these requirements may demand.

APPEAL TO THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

A decision of a Grand Commandery is final, and no appeal to the Grand Encampment can be taken *unless* the decision involves a construction of the Constitution, Edicts, or Statutes of the Grand Encampment.

In cases of appeal thus allowed, Grand Recorders and parties inter-

ested may, by varying the forms already given, carry the matter up to the Grand Encampment for its consideration, and the requirements prescribed as to the mode of appeal and the preparation of the transcript in cases of an appeal to a Grand Commandery, should be complied with in all essential particulars.

TRIALS BY COMMISSIONERS.

When a charge is preferred against a Commandery or against an Eminent Commander, or an officer of the Grand Encampment or of a Grand Commandery, and in all cases over which the Grand Encampment or a Grand Commandery has original jurisdiction, the charge should be addressed to the M.·. E.·. Grand Master, or to the Grand Encampment, or to the R.·. E.·. Grand Commander, or to the Grand Commandery, as the case may be. When this is done, a commission, consisting of three or more Past Grand Commanders or Past Commanders, as the case may be, is appointed to take the testimony, and investigate and decide upon the charge and specifications, and also to determine what punishment ought to be inflicted. The report of the commissioners must be made to the power appointing them, and their action is final, unless an appeal be taken to the officer or body appointing the commission. If the appeal be taken to the R.·. E.·. Grand Commander, an appeal lies from his decision thereon to the Grand Commander, and if to the M.·. E.·. Grand Master, an appeal lies to the Grand Encampment.

The forms already given must be pursued in such cases, with the variations required by the circumstances.

GENERAL ORDER No. 3.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
OFFICE OF THE GRAND MASTRE.

To all our Grand Officers, the Grand Commanders of our State Grand Commanderies, and the Eminent Commanders of Commanderies holding Charters immediately from our Grand Encampment,

GREETING:

WHEREAS, The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, at a stated meeting (its Twentieth Triennial), held at Cleveland, State of Ohio, on the 30th day of August, A.D. 1877, appointed a special committee of five to prepare "*Forms for Templar Trials*," and as soon as practicable report to the Grand Master, and provided *that*, should such report be approved by the first four officers of the Grand Encampment, then it should be promulgated by the Grand Master; and,

WHEREAS, The foregoing report of said committee *has* been duly approved, it is hereby *proclaimed*, and *officially promulgated* as *in full force* and *authority* throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

SEAL OF GRAND MASTER

Done under our hand and seal, at the city of Chicago, and State of Illinois, this 31st day of January, A.D. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-eight, A. O. Seven Hundred and Sixty.

VINCENT LUMBARD HURLBUT,
Grand Master.

L. S.

Attest:

T. S. PARVIN,
Grand Recorder.

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